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- **21A.01.010** Adoption and transference. Pursuant to the requirement of King County Charter Section 880, there is adopted Title 21A of the "King County code" as compiled by the King County council. K.C.C. Chapter 21A.61A of the code is hereby transferred to Title 27. K.C.C. Sections 21A.61.060, .070 are hereby transferred to Title 20. (Ord. 10870 § 1, 1993).
- **21A.01.020 Zoning code adopted.** Under the provisions of Article XI, Section 11 of the Washington State Constitution and Article 2, Section 220.20 of the King County Charter, the zoning code attached to Ordinance 10870, which is referred to hereinafter as the 1993 Zoning Code, is adopted and declared to be the zoning code for King County until amended, repealed or superseded, subject to the provisions of K.C.C. 21A.01.030. This code also is hereby enacted to be consistent with and implement the comprehensive plan in accordance with RCW 36.70A. This code shall be compiled in Title 21A. (Ord. 11621 § 1 (part), 1994: Ord. 10870 § 2, 1993).

**21A.01.025 Notification to Tribes.** The county recognizes that many actions undertaken pursuant to Title 21A, as amended, may impact treaty fishing rights of federally-recognized tribes. In order to honor and prevent interference with these treaty fishing rights and to provide for water quality and habitat preservation, the county shall provide notice to any federally-recognized tribes whose treaty fishing rights would be affected by an action undertaken pursuant to this title, including but not limited to: development of wetlands, stream and river banks, lakeshore habitat of water bodies, or development directly or indirectly affecting anadromous bearing water bodies, including the promulgation of plans, rules, regulations or ordinances implementing the provisions of this title, whether or not review of such actions is required under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) RCW 43.21C. (Ord. 11621 § 1 (part), 1994).

#### 21A.01.030 Application of the 1993 Zoning Code.

- A. Except as provided in subsection C below, the 1993 Zoning Code shall apply to a specific property when, after the June 28, 1993, the zoning map with respect to such property is amended pursuant to:
  - 1. an individual quasi-judicial zone reclassification;
  - 2. countywide zoning conversion process set out in K.C.C. 21A.01.070; or
  - 3. community planning area zoning proposals accompanying plan updates or amendment studies.
- B. Any reclassification requests or proposals for application of area or countywide zoning initiated after June 28, 1993, shall use the new zone classifications adopted in the 1993 Zoning Code.
- C. The provisions of King County Code Chapter 21A.24, together with the relevant provisions of Chapters 21A.06 and 21A.12, shall apply to all properties as of January 9, 1994. (Ord. 11621 § 2, 1994: 10870 § 3, 1993).

#### 21A.01.040 Transition to new code.

- A. Complete applications for conditional use permits, planned unit developments, binding site plans, right-of-way use permits, commercial site development permits, variances, unclassified use permits, or public agency and utility exceptions which were pending at the time Title 21A took effect shall continue to be processed under those applicable zoning regulations governing review prior to implementation of Title 21A; except when a conditional use permit application has been submitted for a use that under Title 21A no longer requires a conditional use permit, that conditional use permit shall not be a requirement for the vested development proposal. Notwithstanding any contrary provisions in this title, where approved, these permits shall continue to establish allowable uses on the property until permit expiration. A variance to Title 21 standards which has been approved and has not expired shall be deemed to also vary like standards set forth in Title 21A relating to the same subject matter and development proposal. Planned unit development applications pending on October 1, 1994 shall be deemed to have vested at the time a complete application was filed. Nothing in this subsection is intended to restrict otherwise applicable vested applicant rights.
- B. Except for the requirements of K.C.C. 21A.43, any lot created by subdivision or short subdivision for which a complete subdivision or short subdivision application was submitted prior to February 2, 1995, may be developed pursuant to the standards of Resolution 25789, as amended (former K.C.C. Title 21), including any applicable p-suffix conditions in adopted community plans and area zoning in effect on February 1, 1995 for a period of six years from the date of recording of the applicable final plat or short plat. (Ord. 12824 § 19, 1997: Ord. 11765 § 1, 1995: Ord. 11621 § 3, 1994: 10870 § 4, 1993).

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#### 21A.01.045 Relationship to certain adopted 1994 development regulations.

- A. The King County Council makes the following findings of fact:
- 1. On December 19, 1994, the King County Council adopted Ordinance 11618, 11619, and 11620 amending Title 16 of the King County Code. The effective date of Ordinance 11618, 11619, and 11620 is January 9, 1995.
- 2. In drafting Ordinance 11618, 11619, and 11620, the references to the King County Zoning Code were amended to cite K.C.C. Title 21A, the new zoning code, and at the same time repeal references to K.C.C. Title 21, the old zoning code. This was done in anticipation that Proposed Ordinance 94-737, which adopts new zoning to implement the 1994 Comprehensive Plan and Title 21A, adopted would be on December 19, 1994 concurrent with Ordinance 11618, 11619, and 11620. Thus, K.C.C. Title 21A would become effective on the same date as Ordinance 11618, 11619, and 11620 [January 9, 1995].
- 3. However, on December 19, 1994 the King County Council deferred action on Proposed Ordinance 94-737 until January 3, 1995. On January 3, 1995 the action was again deferred to January 9, 1995. As a result of deferring action on Proposed Ordinance 94-737, K.C.C. 21A will not go into effect until some time after January 9, 1995.
- 4. The problem created by the actions described above is that Ordinance 11618, 11619, and 11620 will go into effect with references to zoning code requirements (K.C.C. Title 21A) that will not be in effect until the adoption and effective date [February 2, 1995] of Proposed Ordinance 94-737. Additionally, the references to the existing zoning code (K.C.C. Title 21) are repealed in Ordinance 11618, 11619, and 11620. As a result, development applications filed between January 9, 1995, and February 2, 1995, may vest to land use controls that will not include either existing Title 21 or the new Title 21A regulations. Such development may not provide protection for, and be harmful to, the public health, safety and welfare which Title 21 and 21A were adopted to address.
- B. Ordinance 11618, 11619, and 11620 shall not take effect, or if in effect shall no longer be in effect, until King County adopts zoning to implement the 1994 King county Comprehensive Plan and to convert zoning to Title 21A (Proposed Ordinance 94-737) and such zoning becomes effective. Prior to January 9, 1995, provisions of law in effect prior to the adoption of January 9, 1995, shall remain in effect until Ordinance 11618, 11619, and 11620 is in effect under the provisions of this section. (Ord. 11652 § 1-2, 1995).
- **21A.01.050** Tree retention and landscaping effective date. Chapter 21A.16 (Tree Retention and Landscaping) shall be effective as part of the 1993 Zoning Code only if at the time of the adoption of the first area zoning map conversion a new landscaping chapter has not been adopted, in which case chapter 21A.16 will apply in that area until a revised chapter is adopted. (Ord. 10870 § 9, 1993).

#### 21A.01.070 Area zoning conversion guidelines.

- A. The council directs the department to prepare proposed new zoning maps applying the 1993 King County Zoning Code and transmit within ten months of June 28, 1993, for council review and adoption.
- B. The department shall use the table set forth in subsection C and the guidelines of this section in preparing an ordinance or ordinances to convert each area zoning document to the 1993 Zoning Code, with modifications appropriate to be consistent with the comprehensive plan land use map and policies, so as to implement the comprehensive plan and convert old outright and potential zone designations to new ones in a consistent manner. The provisions of this section also shall apply to conversion of the resource lands area zoning adopted pursuant to K.C.C. 20.12.390.

C. Conversion table. The following conversion table and criteria contained therein shall be used by the department in converting the zoning maps adopted pursuant to Resolution 25789 to the 1993 Zoning Code:

RESOLUTION 25789 ZONING MAP SYMBOLS	1993 ZONING CODE MAP SYMBOLS	ADDITIONAL CRITERIA
F	F	In Forest Production or Rural Areas
FR	F or RA	Use zone most consistent with the comprehensive plan
A, A-10	A-10	In Agricultural or Rural Areas
A-35	A-35 or A-60	Use zone most consistent with the comprehensive plan
Q-M	M	Designated Mining Sites
AR-2.5	RA-2.5	In Rural Areas
AR-5	RA-5	Use zone most consistent with the
AR-10	RA-10 or RA-20	comprehensive plan
GR-5, GR-2.5, G-5	UR	Only in designated urban areas
	RA	In areas not designated urban
G	R-1	Only in designated urban areas
	RA	In areas not designated urban
SE, S-C	R-1	Only in designated urban areas or Rural Towns
SR/RS15000,SR/RS 9600	R-4	Only in designated urban areas or Rural Towns
SR7200, RS7200	R-6	Only in designated urban areas or Rural Towns
SR5000, RS5000	R-8	Only in designated urban areas or Rural Towns
RMHP	R-4 through R-48	Use zone closest to zoning on adjacent property or midrange if adjacent zones vary
RD3600, RT3600	R-12	,
RM2400, RT2400	R-18	
RT, RM1800, RT1800	R-24	
RM900	O or R-48	Apply zoning closest to comprehensive plan land use designations
RM 900 P	O or R-48	According to P-suffix limitations allowing only office or residential uses
B-N, BR-N	NB or RB	
B-C, BR-C	CB or RB	For all business zones, use zone most consistent with the
C-G	RB	comprehensive plan designation and actual scale of business
		area
M-L, M-P, M-H	1	

- D. Unclassified Use Permit Mining Operations. In addition to the conversions set out in the table in subsection C, all sites legally operating pursuant to an unclassified use permit for mining operations shall be zoned M (Mineral).
- E. Resolution of map conflicts. In cases of ambiguity or conflict between a community or comprehensive plan map designation and the zone classification applied under the old code, the department shall use the following guidelines and procedures in recommending new zones:
- 1. As a general rule, the outright or potential zoning designation applied shall be that which is consistent with the 1994 King County Comprehensive Plan; adopted community plans, where they do not conflict, may be used to provide additional guidance;
- 2. If the application of the guidelines in this subsection leads the department to propose applying an outright or potential zone classification from the 1993 Zoning Code that is not functionally equivalent to a classification from the old code as defined in the table in subsection C., the department shall notify the owner of the property proposed for reclassification no later than the council introduction date of the ordinance amending said property, and the property owner may request a change in the area zoning in a manner consistent with the procedures used for council review of a community plan and area zoning.

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F. Area-wide P-suffix development conditions. The department shall review all area-wide P-suffix conditions applied through zoning adopted pursuant to Resolution 25789, and recommend legislation removing all such conditions which conflict with the comprehensive plan or have been replaced adequately by standards adopted in the 1993 zoning code. If P-suffix conditions implement policies in the comprehensive plan, then regulations shall be developed by the end of 1995 and the P-suffix conditions shall be removed. Any P-suffix conditions which implement policies in community plans which are not in conflict with the comprehensive plan but are not adequately addressed by this code shall be carried forward intact until they are evaluated for replacement by general code revisions in 1995.

- G. Site-specific development conditions. Approval conditions for previous zone reclassifications, planned unit developments, unclassified permits, and P-suffix conditions applied to individual properties in land use actions pursuant to Resolution 25789, should be recommended for retention wherever they address conditions unique to a particular property and not addressed by the standards in the Zoning Code.
- H. For area zoning documents being converted to the 1993 Zoning Code without amendments to their respective community plan maps and policies, only requests for zone changes which meet one of the following criteria shall be considered during either the department or council review process:
  - 1. as provided in subsection E;
- 2. when an applicant can demonstrate that the department's proposal incorrectly implements an adopted comprehensive plan map designation or policy in converting existing zoning to a new zone classification; or
- 3. the site is the subject of an application for a Master Planned Development or Urban Planned Development, and conversion to the 1993 Zoning Code is requested as part of such application. Rezoning of such sites during the conversion, area zoning otherwise shall be to Urban Reserve with the urban planned development overlay district as provided in Chapter 21A.38.
- I. Requests which do not meet one of the criteria of subsection H shall be treated as quasi-judicial reclassification requests which must be formally applied for according to the process provided for such requests and shall be subject to the criteria in K.C.C. 20.24.190.
- J. Requests for quasi-judicial reclassification that are consistent with the conversion table illustrated in subsection C and requests for quasi-judicial reclassification to the M zone, shall not be subject to the criteria in K.C.C. 20.24.190.
- K. Bear Creek MPD's. The following transition provisions shall apply to the Master Plan Development applications in the Bear Creek Community Plan (BCCP).
- 1. An applicant may either continue to utilize the procedural provisions of the BCCP or may utilize the procedural provisions of K.C.C. 21A.39.
- 2. If an applicant utilizes the procedural provisions of K.C.C. 21A.39, the Pre-Development Applications previously submitted for the Blakely Ridge MPD and the Northridge MPD are deemed the equivalent of and accepted as complete applications for "UPD Permits" under Chapter 21A.39 of the 1993 zoning code.
- 3. The substantive provisions of the BCCP Area Zoning MPD P-Suffix conditions and conditions precedent to rezoning set forth in Section 1C of the BCCP Area Zoning (page 140) shall remain in effect for purposes of considering the UPD applications, under either the BCCP or K.C.C. 21A.39.
- 4. The applicants may elect either one base zone pursuant to K.C.C. 21A.39, or multiple zones pursuant to the Bear Creek Community Plan, applying the equivalent zone and potential zone designations of the 1993 zoning code.
- 5. The Novelty Hill Master Plan sites and urban designation adopted and delineated in the Bear Creek Community Plan and Bear Creek Area zoning shall be considered "UPD Special District Overlays" and "UPD boundary delineations" for purposes of applying K.C.C. 21A.38.020, .070B.1 and .070B.2 and K.C.C. 21A.39.020.(Ord. 11621 § 5, 1994: 11157 § 1, 1993: Ord. 10870 § 5, 1993).
- **21A.01.090 Drawings.** The department is hereby authorized after June 7, 1993, to incorporate drawings as necessary for the purpose of illustrating concepts and regulatory standards contained in this title, provided that the adopted provisions of the code shall control over such drawings. (Ord. 10870 § 7, 1993).
- **21A.01.100 Periodic review.** The department shall submit an annual written report to the council detailing issues relating to the implementation of the 1993 King County Zoning Code and recommending amendments to address those issues. (Ord. 10870 § 8, 1993).

# Chapter 21A.02 AUTHORITY, PURPOSE, INTERPRETATION AND ADMINISTRATION

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21A.02.110	Classification of right-of-way.

**21A.02.010 Title.** This title shall be known as the King County Zoning Code. (Ord. 15051 § 1, 2004: Ord. 10870 § 11, 1993).

**21A.02.020 Authority to adopt code.** The King County Zoning Code is adopted by King County ordinance, pursuant to Article XI, Section 11 of the Washington State Constitution; and Article 2, Section 220.20 of the King County Charter. (Ord. 10870 § 12, 1993).

#### **21A.02.030 Purpose.** The general purposes of this title are:

- A. To encourage land use decision making in accordance with the public interest and applicable laws of the State of Washington.
  - B. To protect the general public health, safety, and welfare;
- C. To implement the King County Comprehensive Plan's policies and objectives through land use regulations;
- D. To provide for the economic, social, and aesthetic advantages of orderly development through harmonious groupings of compatible and complementary land uses and the application of appropriate development standards;
  - E. To provide for adequate public facilities and services in conjunction with development; and
- F. To promote general public safety by regulating development of lands containing physical hazards and to minimize the adverse environmental impacts of development. (Ord. 10870 § 13, 1993).

#### 21A.02.040 Conformity with this title required.

- A. No development, use or structure shall be established, substituted, expanded, constructed, altered, moved, maintained, or otherwise changed except in conformance with this title.
- B. Creation of or changes to lot lines shall conform with the use provisions, dimensional and other standards, and procedures of this title and Title 19, Subdivisions.
- C. All land uses and development authorized by this title shall comply with all other regulations and or requirements of this title as well as any other applicable local, state or federal law. Where a difference exists between this title and other county regulations, the more restrictive requirements shall apply.
- D. Where more than one part of this title applies to the same aspect of a proposed use or development, the more restrictive requirement shall apply.
- E. Temporary uses or activities, conducted during an emergency event, or training exercises conducted at emergency sites, designated pursuant to an emergency management plan, shall not be subject to the provisions of this title. (Ord. 16985 § 126, 2010: Ord. 11621 § 8, 1994: 10870 § 14, 1993).
- **21A.02.050 Minimum requirements.** In interpretation and application, the requirements set forth in this title shall be considered the minimum requirements necessary to accomplish the purposes of this title. (Ord. 10870 § 15, 1993).

#### 21A.02.060 Interpretation: General.

- A. In case of inconsistency or conflict, regulations, conditions or procedural requirements that are specific to an individual land use shall supersede regulations, conditions or procedural requirements of general application.
- B. A land use includes the necessary structures to support the use unless specifically prohibited or the context clearly indicates otherwise.
- C. In case of any ambiguity, difference of meaning, or implication between the text and any heading, caption, or illustration, the text and the permitted use tables in K.C.C. 21A.08 shall control. All applicable requirements shall govern a use whether or not they are cross-referenced in a text section or land use table.
- D. Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, words in the present tense shall include past and future tense, and words in the singular shall include the plural, or vice versa. Except for words and terms defined in this title, all words and terms used in this title shall have their customary meanings. (Ord. 10870 § 16, 1993).

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#### 21A.02.070 Interpretation: Standard industrial classification.

- A. All references to the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) are to the titles and descriptions found in the Standard Industrial Classification Manual, 1987 edition, prepared by United States Office of Management and Budget which is hereby adopted by reference. The (SIC) is used, with modifications to suit the purposes of this title, to list and define land uses authorized to be located in the various zones consistent with the comprehensive plan land use map.
- B. The SIC categorizes each land use under a general two-digit major group number, or under a more specific three- or four-digit industry group or industry number. A use shown on a land use table with a two-digit number includes all uses listed in the SIC for that major group. A use shown with a three-digit or four-digit number includes only the uses listed in the SIC for that industry group or industry.
- C. An asterisk (\*) in the SIC number column of a land use table means that the SIC definition for the specific land use identified has been modified by this title. The definition may include one or more SIC subclassification numbers, or may define the use without reference to the SIC.
- D. The Director shall determine whether a proposed land use not specifically listed in a land use table or specifically included within a SIC classification is allowed in a zone. The director's determination shall be based on whether or not permitting the proposed use in a particular zone is consistent with the purposes of this title and the zone's purpose as set forth in K.C.C. 21A.04, by considering the following factors:
- 1. The physical characteristics of the use and its supporting structures, including but not limited to scale, traffic and other impacts, and hours of operation;
  - 2. Whether or not the use complements or is compatible with other uses permitted in the zone; and
- 3. The SIC classification, if any, assigned to the business or other entity that will carry on the primary activities of the proposed use. (Ord. 11621 § 7, 1994: 10870 § 17, 1993).
- **21A.02.080 Interpretation: Zoning maps.** Where uncertainties exist as to the location of any zone boundaries, the following rules of interpretation, listed in priority order, shall apply:
- A. Where boundaries are indicated as paralleling the approximate centerline of the street right-of-way, the zone shall extend to each adjacent boundary of the right-of-way. Non road-related uses by adjacent property owners, if allowed in the right-of-way, shall meet the same zoning requirements regulating the property owners lot;
- B. Where boundaries are indicated as approximately following lot lines, the actual lot lines shall be considered the boundaries;
- C. Where boundaries are indicated as following lines of ordinary high water, or government meander line, the lines shall be considered to be the actual boundaries. If these lines should change the boundaries shall be considered to move with them; and
- D. If none of the rules of interpretation described in subparagraphs A. through C. apply, then the zoning boundary shall be determined by map scaling. (Ord. 10870 § 18, 1993).

#### 21A.02.090 Administration and review authority.

- A. The hearing examiner in accordance with K.C.C. chapter 20.24 may hold public hearings and make decisions and recommendations on reclassifications, subdivisions and other development proposals, and appeals.
- B. The director may grant, condition or deny applications for variances, conditional use permits, renewals of permits for mineral extraction and processing, alteration exceptions and other development proposals, unless an appeal is filed and a public hearing is required under K.C.C. chapter 20.20, in which case this authority shall be exercised by the hearing examiner.
- C. The department shall have authority to grant, condition or deny commercial and residential building permits, grading and clearing permits, and temporary use permits in accordance with the procedures in K.C.C. chapter 21A.42.
- D. Except for other agencies with authority to implement specific provisions of this title, the department shall have the sole authority to issue official interpretations and adopt public rules to implement this title, in accordance with K.C.C. chapter 2.98. (Ord. 15051 § 2, 2004: Ord. 10870 § 19, 1993).

#### 21A.02.110 Classification of right-of-way.

- A. Except when such areas are specifically designated on the zoning map as being classified in one of the zones provided in this title, land contained in rights-of-way for streets or alleys, or railroads shall be considered unclassified.
  - B. Within street or alley rights-of-way, uses shall be limited to street purposes as defined by law.
- C. Within railroad rights-of-way, allowed uses shall be limited to tracks, signals or other operating devices, movement of rolling stock, utility lines and equipment, and facilities accessory to and used directly for the delivery and distribution of services to abutting property.
- D. Where such right-of-way is vacated, the vacated area shall have the zone classification of the adjoining property with which it is first merged. (Ord. 10870 § 21, 1993).

# Chapter 21A.04 ZONES, MAPS AND DESIGNATIONS

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21A.04.190	Zoning maps and boundaries.

**21A.04.010 Zones and map designations established.** In order to accomplish the purposes of this title the following zoning designations and zoning map symbols are established:

ZONING DESIGNATIONS	MAP SYMBOL
Agricultural	A (10 -or 35 acre minimum lot size)
Forest	F
Mineral	M
Rural Area	RA (2.5-acre, 5-acre, 10-acre or 20-acre minimum lot size)
Urban Reserve	UR
Urban Residential	R (base density in dwellings per acre)
Neighborhood Business	NB
Community Business	СВ
Regional Business	RB
Office	0
Industrial	L
Regional Use	Case file number following zone's map symbol
Property-specific development standards	-P(suffix to zone's map symbol)
Special District Overlay	-SO(suffix to zone's map symbol)
Potential Zone	(dashed box surrounding zone's map symbol)
Interim Zone	* (asterisk adjacent to zone's map symbol)

Interim Zone \* (asterisk adjacent to zone's map symbol)
(Ord. 12929 § 1, 1997: Ord. 12596 § 1, 1997: Ord. 11621 § 9, 1994: Ord. 10870 § 22, 1993).

**21A.04.020 Zone and map designation purpose.** The purpose statements for each zone and map designation set forth in the following sections shall be used to guide the application of the zones and designations to all lands in unincorporated King County. The purpose statements also shall guide interpretation and application of land use regulations within the zones and designations, and any changes to the range of permitted uses within each zone through amendments to this title. (Ord. 10870 § 23, 1993).

#### 21A.04.030 Agricultural zone.

- A. The purpose of the agricultural zone (A) is to preserve and protect irreplaceable and limited supplies of farmland well suited to agricultural uses by their location, geological formation and chemical and organic composition and to encourage environmentally sound agricultural production. These purposes are accomplished by:
  - 1. Establishing residential density limits to retain lots sized for efficient farming;
- 2. Allowing for uses related to agricultural production and limiting nonagricultural uses to those compatible with farming, or requiring close proximity for the support of agriculture; and
- 3. Allowing for residential development primarily to house farm owners, on-site agricultural employees and their respective families.
- B. Use of this zone is appropriate for lands within agricultural production districts designated by the Comprehensive Plan and for other farmlands deemed appropriate for long-term protection. (Ord. 10870 § 24, 1993).

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#### 21A.04.040 Forest zone.

A. The purpose of the forest zone (F) is to preserve the forest land base; to conserve and protect the long-term productivity of forest lands; and to restrict uses unrelated to or incompatible with forestry. These purposes are accomplished by:

- 1. Applying the F zone to large contiguous areas where a combination of site, soil and climatic characteristics make it possible to sustain timber growth and harvests over time;
- 2. Limiting residential, recreational, commercial and industrial uses to those uses that are compatible with forestry, to minimize the potential hazards of damage from fire, pollution and land use conflicts; and
- 3. Providing for compatible outdoor recreation uses and for conservation and protection of municipal watersheds and fish and wildlife habitats.
- B. Use of this zone is appropriate for lands within forest production districts designated by the Comprehensive Plan. (Ord. 10870 § 25, 1993).

#### 21A.04.050 Mineral zone.

- A. The purpose of the mineral zone (M) is to provide for continued extraction and processing of mineral and soil resources in an environmentally responsible manner by:
- 1. Reserving known deposits of minerals and materials within areas as protection against premature development of the land for non-extractive purposes;
- 2. Providing neighboring properties with notice of prospective extracting and processing activities; and
- 3. Providing appropriate location and development standards for extraction and on-site processing to mitigate adverse impacts on the natural environment and on nearby properties.
- B. Use of this zone is appropriate for known deposits of minerals and materials on sites that are of sufficient size to mitigate the impacts of operation and that are served or capable of being served at the time of development by adequate roads and other public services; and for sites containing mineral extracting and processing operations that were established in compliance with land use regulations in effect at the time the use was established. (Ord. 10870 § 26, 1993).

#### 21A.04.060 Rural area zone.

- A. The purpose of the rural zone (RA) is to provide for an area-wide long-term rural character and to minimize land use conflicts with nearby agricultural or forest production districts or mineral extraction sites. These purposes are accomplished by:
- 1. Limiting residential densities and permitted uses to those that are compatible with rural character and nearby resource production districts and sites and are able to be adequately supported by rural service levels;
- 2. Allowing small scale farming and forestry activities and tourism and recreation uses that can be supported by rural service levels and that are compatible with rural character;
- 3. Increasing required setbacks to minimize conflicts with adjacent agriculture, forest or mineral zones; and
- 4. Requiring tracts created through cluster development to be designated as permanent open space or as permanent resource use.
- B. Use of this zone is appropriate in rural areas designated by the Comprehensive Plan as follows:
- 1. RA-2.5 in rural areas where the predominant lot pattern is below five acres in size for lots established prior to the adoption of the 1994 Comprehensive Plan;
- 2. RA-5 in rural areas where the predominant lot pattern is five acres or greater but less than ten acres in size and the area is generally environmentally unconstrained;
- 3. RA-10 in rural areas where the predominant lot pattern is ten acres or greater but less than twenty acres in size. RA-10 is also applied on land that is generally environmentally constrained, as defined by county, state or federal law, to protect critical habitat and regionally significant resource areas (RSRAs). The RA-10 zone is also applied to lands within one-quarter mile of a forest or agricultural production district or an approved long-term mineral extraction site. On Vashon-Maury Island RA-10 zoning shall be maintained on areas zoned RA-10 as of 1994 and on areas with a predominant lot size of ten acres or greater that are identified on the Areas Highly Susceptible to Groundwater Contamination map; and
- 4. RA-20 in Rural Forest Focus Districts designated by the King County Comprehensive Plan. (Ord. 14045 § 1, 2001: Ord. 11621 § 10, 1994: Ord. 10870 § 27, 1993).

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#### 21A.04.070 Urban reserve zone.

- A. The purposes of the urban reserve zone (UR) are to phase growth and demand for urban services, and to reserve large tracts of land for possible future growth in portions of King County designated by the Comprehensive Plan for future urban growth while allowing reasonable interim uses of property; or to reflect designation by the Comprehensive Plan of a property or area as part of the urban growth area when a detailed plan for urban uses and densities has not been completed; or when the area has been designated as a site for a potential urban planned development or new fully contained community, as provided in K.C.C. 21A.38.070. These purposes are accomplished by:
  - 1. Allowing for rural, agricultural and other low-density uses;
- 2. Allowing for limited residential growth, either contiguous to existing urban public facilities, or at a density supportable by existing rural public service levels; and
- 3. Requiring clustered residential developments where feasible, to prevent establishment of uses and lot patterns which may foreclose future alternatives and impede efficient later development at urban densities.
- B. Use of this zone is appropriate in urban areas, rural towns or in rural city expansion areas designated by the Comprehensive Plan, when such areas do not have adequate public facilities and services or are not yet needed to accommodate planned growth, do not yet have detailed land use plans for urban uses and densities, or are designated as sites for a potential urban planned development or new fully contained communities. (Ord. 13278 § 2, 1998: Ord. 12171 § 2, 1996: Ord. 11621 § 11, 1994: Ord. 10870 § 28, 1993).

#### 21A.04.080 Urban residential zone.

- A. The purpose of the urban residential zone (R) is to implement comprehensive plan goals and policies for housing quality, diversity and affordability, and to efficiently use urban residential land, public services and energy. These purposes are accomplished by:
- 1. Providing, in the R-1 through R-8 zones, for a mix of predominantly single detached dwelling units and other development types, with a variety of densities and sizes in locations appropriate for urban densities:
- 2. Providing, in the R-12 through R-48 zones, for a mix of predominantly apartment and townhouse dwelling units, mixed-use and other development types, with a variety of densities and sizes in locations appropriate for urban densities;
- 3. Allowing only those accessory and complementary nonresidential uses that are compatible with urban residential communities; and
- 4. Establishing density designations to facilitate advanced area-wide planning for public facilities and services, and to protect environmentally sensitive sites from over development.
- B. Use of this zone is appropriate in urban areas, activity centers, or Rural Towns designated by the Comprehensive Plan as follows:
- 1. The R-1 zone on or adjacent to lands with area-wide environmental constraints where development is required to cluster away from sensitive areas, on lands designated urban separators or wildlife habitat network where development is required to cluster away from the axis of the corridor on critical aquifer recharge areas, and on Regionally and Locally Significant Resource Areas (RSRAs/LSRAs) or in well-established subdivisions of the same density, which are served at the time of development by public or private facilities and services adequate to support planned densities;
- 2. The R-4 through R-8 zones on urban lands that are predominantly environmentally unconstrained and are served at the time of development, by adequate public sewers, water supply, roads and other needed public facilities and services; and
- 3. The R-12 through R-48 zones next to Unincorporated Activity Centers, in Community or Neighborhood Business Centers, in mixed-use development, on small, scattered lots integrated into existing residential areas, or in Rural Towns, that are served at the time of development by adequate public sewers, water supply, roads and other needed public facilities and services. (Ord. 14045 § 2, 2001: Ord. 12822 § 5, 1997: Ord. 12596 § 2, 1997: Ord. 11621 § 12, 1994: Ord. 10870 § 29, 1993).

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#### 21A.04.090 Neighborhood business zone.

A. The purpose of the neighborhood business zone (NB) is to provide convenient daily retail and personal services for a limited service area and to minimize impacts of commercial activities on nearby properties and in urban areas on properties with the land use designation of commercial outside of center, to provide for limited residential development. These purposes are accomplished by:

- 1. Limiting nonresidential uses to those retail or personal services which can serve the everyday needs of a surrounding urban or rural residential area;
- 2. Allowing for mixed use (housing and retail/service) developments and for townhouse developments as a sole use on properties in the urban area with the land use designation of commercial outside of center; and
  - 3. Excluding industrial and community/regional business-scaled uses.
- B. Use of this zone is appropriate in urban neighborhood business centers, rural towns, or rural neighborhood centers designated by the comprehensive plan, on sites which are served at the time of development by adequate public sewers when located in urban areas or adequate on-site sewage disposal when located in rural areas, water supply, roads and other needed public facilities and services. (Ord. 12522 § 2, 1996: Ord. 11621 § 13, 1994: Ord. 10870 § 30, 1993).

### 21A.04.100 Community business zone.

- A. The purpose of the community business zone (CB) is to provide convenience and comparison retail and personal services for local service areas which exceed the daily convenience needs of adjacent neighborhoods but which cannot be served conveniently by larger activity centers, and to provide retail and personal services in locations within activity centers that are not appropriate for extensive outdoor storage or auto related and industrial uses. These purposes are accomplished by:
- 1. Providing for limited small-scale offices as well as a wider range of the retail, professional, governmental and personal services than are found in neighborhood business areas;
  - 2. Allowing for mixed use (housing and retail/service) developments; and
  - 3. Excluding commercial uses with extensive outdoor storage or auto related and industrial uses.
- B. Use of this zone is appropriate in urban and community centers or rural towns that are designated by the Comprehensive Plan and community plans and that are served at the time of development by adequate public sewers, water supply, roads and other needed public facilities and services. (Ord. 11621 § 14, 1994: Ord. 10870 § 31, 1993).

#### 21A.04.110 Regional business zone.

- A. The purpose of the regional business zone (RB) is to provide for the broadest mix of comparison retail, wholesale, service and recreation/cultural uses with compatible storage and fabrication uses, serving regional market areas and offering significant employment opportunities. These purposes are accomplished by:
- 1. Encouraging compact development that is supportive of transit and pedestrian travel, through higher nonresidential building heights and floor area ratios than those found in community centers;
- 2. Allowing for outdoor sales and storage, regional shopping areas and limited fabrication uses; and
- 3. Concentrating large scale commercial and office uses to facilitate the efficient provision of public facilities and services.
- B. Use of this zone is appropriate in urban activity centers or rural towns that are designated by the Comprehensive Plan and community plans that are served at the time of development by adequate public sewers, water supply, roads and other needed public facilities and services. (Ord. 11621 § 15, 1994: Ord. 10870 § 32, 1993).

#### 21A.04.120 Office zone.

- A. The purpose of the office zone (O) is to provide for pedestrian and transit-oriented high-density employment uses together with limited complementary retail and urban density residential development in locations within activity centers where the full range of commercial activities is not desirable. These purposes are accomplished by:
- 1. Allowing for uses that will take advantage of pedestrian-oriented site and street improvement standards:
- 2. Providing for higher building heights and floor area ratios than those found in community centers:
  - 3. Reducing the ratio of required parking to building floor area;
- 4. Allowing for on-site convenient daily retail and personal services for employees and residences; and
- 5. Excluding auto-oriented, outdoor or other retail sales and services which do not provide for the daily convenience needs of on-site and nearby employees or residents.
- B. Use of this zone is appropriate in activity centers designated by the Comprehensive Plan and community plans which are served at the time of development by adequate public sewers, water supply, roads and other needed public facilities and services. (Ord. 10870 § 33, 1993).

#### 21A.04.130 Industrial zone.

- A. The purpose of the industrial zone (I) is to provide for the location and grouping of industrial enterprises and activities involving manufacturing, assembly, fabrication, processing, bulk handling and storage, research facilities, warehousing and heavy trucking. It is also a purpose of this zone to protect the industrial land base for industrial economic development and employment opportunities. These purposes are accomplished by:
  - 1. Allowing for a wide range of industrial and manufacturing uses;
- 2. Establishing appropriate development standards and public review procedures for industrial activities with the greatest potential for adverse impacts; and
- 3. Limiting residential, institutional, commercial, office and other non-industrial uses to those necessary for the convenience of industrial activities.
- B. Use of this zone is appropriate in urban activity centers or rural towns designated by the Comprehensive Plan and community plans which are served at the time of development by adequate public sewers, water supply, roads and other needed public facilities and services. (Ord. 11621 § 16, 1994: Ord. 10870 § 34, 1993).
- **21A.04.140** Map designation Regional use designation. The purpose of the regional use designation (case file number following underlying zone's map symbol) is to provide for individual review of certain proposed uses with unique characteristics and adverse impacts on neighboring properties. Regional uses are of a size and involve activities which require individual review to determine compatibility with surrounding uses. (Ord. 10870 § 35, 1993).
- 21A.04.150 Map designation Property-specific development or P-suffix standards. The purpose of the property-specific development standards designation (-P suffix to zone's map symbol) is to indicate that conditions beyond the minimum requirements of this title have been applied to development on the property, including but not limited to increased development standards, limits on permitted uses or special conditions of approval. Property-specific development standards are adopted in either a reclassification or area zoning ordinance and are shown in the SITUS file for an individual property maintained by the department. Regardless of the form in which a property-specific development standard is adopted, the P-suffix shall be shown on the official zoning map maintained by the department and as a notation on the SITUS file, which shall be updated as soon as possible after the effective date of the adopting ordinance adopting a P-suffix standard. (Ord. 12824 § 20, 1997: Ord. 11621 § 17 1994: Ord. 10870 § 36, 1993).

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**21A.04.160 Map designation - Special district overlay.** The purpose of the special district overlay designation (-SO suffix to zone's map symbol is to carry out Comprehensive Plan and community, subarea or neighborhood plan policies that identify special opportunities for achieving public benefits by allowing or requiring alternative uses and development standards that differ from the general provisions of this title. Special district overlays are generally applied to a group of individual properties or entire community, subarea or neighborhood planning areas and are designated primarily through the area zoning process. Regardless of the form in which a special district overlay is adopted, the -SO suffix shall be shown on the official zoning map maintained by the department and as a notation on the SITUS file, which shall be updated as soon as possible after the effective date of the adopting ordinance adopting an overlay. (Ord. 12823 § 1, 1997: Ord. 11621 § 18, 1994: Ord. 10870 § 37, 1993).

### 21A.04.170 Map designation - Potential zone.

- A. The purpose of the potential zone (dashed box surrounding zone's map symbol) is to designate properties potentially suitable for future changes in land uses or densities once additional infrastructure, project phasing or site-specific public review has been accomplished. Potential zones are designated by either area zoning or individual zone reclassification. Area zoning may designate more than one potential zone on a single property if the community plan designates alternative uses for the site. Potential zones are actualized pursuant to K.C.C. 20.24.
  - B. The use of a potential zone designation is appropriate to:
- 1. Phase development based on availability of public facilities and services or infrastructure improvements (e.g. roads, utilities, schools);
- 2. Prevent existing development from becoming a nonconforming use in areas that are in transition from previous uses;
  - 3. Allow for future residential density increases consistent with a community plan; and
- 4. Provide for public review of proposed uses on sites where some permitted uses in a zone designation may not be appropriate. (Ord. 10870 § 38, 1993).
- **21A.04.180 Map designation Interim zoning.** The purpose of the interim zone designation (\* suffix to zone's map symbol) is to identify areas where zoning has been applied for a limited period of time in order to preserve the county's planning options and to protect the public safety, health and general welfare during an emergency or pending a community, comprehensive or functional plan amendment process. Any of the zones set forth in this chapter, with or without -P suffix conditions, may be applied as interim zones. The adopting ordinance shall state the reasons for the interim zoning and provide for its expiration upon a certain date or the adoption of a new plan, plan amendment or area zoning. (Ord. 10870 § 39, 1993).

#### 21A.04.190 Zoning maps and boundaries.

- A. The location and boundaries of the zones defined by this chapter shall be shown and delineated on zoning maps adopted by ordinance.
- B. Changes in the boundaries of the zones, including application or amendment of interim zoning, shall be made by ordinance adopting or amending a zoning map.
- C. Zoning maps are available for public review at the department of development and environmental services permit center during business hours. (Ord. 10870 § 40, 1993).

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- **21A.06.005 Scope of chapter.** This chapter contains definitions of technical and procedural terms used throughout the code and definitions of land uses listed in tables in K.C.C. 21A.08. The definitions in this chapter supplement the standard Industrial Classification Manual (SIC). See K.C.C. 21A.02 for rules on interpretation of the code, including use of these definitions. Development standards are found in K.C.C. 21A.12 through K.C.C. 21A.38. (Ord. 10870 § 41, 1993).
- **21A.06.007 Abandoned vehicle.** An "abandoned vehicle" means any vehicle left upon the property of another without the consent of the owner of such property for a period of twenty-four hours or longer, except that a vehicle shall not be considered abandoned if its owner or operator is unable to remove it from the place where it is located and so notifies law enforcement officials and requests assistance. (Ord. 12024 § 10, 1995).
- **21A.06.010** Accessory living quarters. Accessory living quarters: living quarters in an accessory building for the use of the occupant or persons employed on the premises, or for temporary use of guests of the occupant. Such quarters have no kitchen and are not otherwise used as a separate dwelling unit. (Ord. 10870 § 42, 1993).

# 21A.06.015 Accessory use, commercial/industrial. Accessory use, commercial/industrial:

- A. A use that is subordinate and incidental to a commercial or industrial use; including, but not limited to the following uses:
  - 1. Administrative offices:
  - 2. Employee exercise facilities;
  - 3. Employee food service facilities;
  - 4. Incidental storage of raw materials and finished products sold or manufactured on-site;
  - 5. Business owner or caretaker residence;
  - 6. Cogeneration facilities; and
  - 7. Ground maintenance facilities.
- B. Some accessory uses within the scope of this section may be defined separately to enable the code to apply different conditions of approval. (Ord. 10870 § 43, 1993).

#### 21A.06.020 Accessory use, residential. Accessory use, residential:

- A. A use, structure, or activity which is subordinate and incidental to a residence including, but not limited to the following uses:
  - 1. Accessory living quarters and dwellings:
  - 2. Fallout/bomb shelters;
  - 3. Keeping household pets;
  - 4. On-site rental office;
  - 5. Pools, private docks, piers;
  - 6. Antennae for private telecommunication services;
  - 7. Storage of yard maintenance equipment; or
  - 8. Storage of private vehicles, e.g. motor vehicles, boats, trailers or planes;
  - 9. Greenhouses.
- B. Some accessory uses within the scope of this section may be defined separately to enable the code to apply different conditions of approval. (Ord. 11621 § 29, 1994: Ord. 10870 § 44, 1993).

#### 21A.06.025 Accessory use, resource. Accessory use, resource:

- A. A use, structure, or part of a structure, which is customarily subordinate and incidental to a resource use including, but not limited to the following uses:
  - 1. Housing of agricultural workers; or
  - 2. Storage of agricultural products or equipment used on site.
- B. Some accessory uses within the scope of this section may be defined separately to enable the code to apply different conditions of approval. (Ord. 10870 § 45, 1993).
- **21A.06.026 Active recreation space.** Active recreation space: recreation space that recognizes a higher level of public use than passive recreation space, and that will be developed for organized or intense recreation. Active recreation site includes both the active recreation uses and all necessary support services and facilities. (Ord. 14045 § 3, 2001).

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**21A.06.027 Adjustment factor.** Adjustment factor: a factor that when applied to the reference evapotranspiration, adjusts for plant factors and irrigation efficiently. (Ord. 11210 § 22, 1994).

- **21A.06.035** Adult entertainment business. Adult entertainment business: An adult club, adult arcade or adult theatre as those terms are defined in the adult entertainment licensing provisions in K.C.C. Title 6. (Ord. 13546 § 2, 1999: Ord. 10870 § 47, 1993).
- **21A.06.037 Agricultural drainage.** Agricultural drainage: any stream, ditch, tile system, pipe or culvert primarily used to drain fields for horticultural or livestock activities. (Ord. 15051 § 3, 2004).
- **21A.06.040** Agricultural product sales. Agricultural product sales: the retail sale of items resulting from the practice of agriculture, including primary horticulture products such as fruits, vegetables, grains, seed, feed and plants, primary animal products such as eggs, milk and meat, or secondary and value added products resulting from processing, sorting or packaging of primary agricultural products such as jams, cheeses, dried herbs or similar items. (Ord. 15032 § 1, 2004: Ord. 10870 § 48, 1993).
- **21A.06.042 Agriculture training facility.** Agriculture training facility: an establishment developed for use by the property owner, its employees, and/or agricultural trainees for training activities which are related to or supportive of the agricultural use of the property and surrounding agricultural activities. Agriculture training facilities may include overnight lodging, meeting rooms, and educational activities. (Ord. 12691 § 1, 1997).
- **21A.06.045 Aircraft, ship and boat manufacturing.** Aircraft, ship and boat manufacturing: the fabrication and/or assembling of aircraft, ships or boats, including only uses located in SIC Industry Group Nos.:
  - A. 372-Aircraft and Parts; and
  - B. 373-Ship and Boat Building and Repairing. (Ord. 10870 § 49, 1993).
- **21A.06.050 Airport/heliport.** Airport/heliport: any runway, landing area or other facility, excluding facilities for the primary use of the individual property owner which are classified as helistops, designed or used by public carriers or private aircraft for the landing and taking off of aircraft, including the following associated facilities:
  - A. Taxiways;
  - B. Aircraft storage and tie-down areas;
  - C. Hangars;
  - D. Servicing; and
  - E. Passenger and air freight terminals. (Ord. 10870 § 50, 1993).
- **21A.06.055 Alley.** Alley: an improved thoroughfare or right-of-way, whether public or private, usually narrower than a street, that provides vehicular access to an interior boundary of one or more lots, and is not designed for general traffic circulation. (Ord. 10870 § 51, 1993).
- **21A.06.056 Alteration.** Alteration: any human activity that results or is likely to result in an impact upon the existing condition of a critical area or its buffer. "Alteration" includes, but is not limited to, grading, filling, dredging, channelizing, applying herbicides or pesticides or any hazardous substance, discharging pollutants except stormwater, grazing domestic animals, paving, constructing, applying gravel, modifying topography for surface water management purposes, cutting, pruning, topping, trimming, relocating or removing vegetation or any other human activity that results or is likely to result in an impact to existing vegetation, hydrology, fish or wildlife or their habitats. "Alteration" does not include passive recreation such as walking, fishing or any other similar activities. (Ord. 15051 § 5, 2004: Ord. 10870 § 466, 1993. Formerly K.C.C. 21A.24.190).
- **21A.06.057 Alternative water sources.** Alternative water sources: stored rainwater, or treated or recycled waste water of a quality suitable for uses such as landscape irrigation. Such water is not considered potable. (Ord. 11210 § 23, 1994).

- **21A.06.060 Amusement arcades.** Amusement arcades: a building or part of a building in which five or more pinball machines, video games, or other such player-operator amusement devices (excluding juke boxes or gambling-related machines) are operated. (Ord. 10870 § 52, 1993).
- **21A.06.065 Animal, small.** Animal, small: any animal other than livestock or animals considered to be predatory or wild which are kept outside a dwelling unit all or part of the time. Animals considered predatory or wild, excluding those in zoo animal breeding facilities, shall be considered small animals when they are taken into captivity for the purposes of breeding, domestication, training, hunting or exhibition. (Ord. 12709 § 1, 1997: Ord. 10870 § 53, 1993).
- **21A.06.067 Antenna.** Antenna: any system of poles, panels, rods, reflecting discs or similar devices used for the transmission or reception or radio frequency signals. (Ord. 13129 § 20, 1998).
- **21A.06.070 Applicant.** Applicant: a property owner, a public agency or a public or private utility that owns a right-of-way or other easement or has been adjudicated the right to such an easement under RCW 8.08.040, or any person or entity designated or named in writing by the property or easement owner to be the applicant, in an application for a development proposal, permit or approval. (Ord. 15051 § 6, 2004: Ord. 12196 § 53, 1996: Ord. 11700 § 42, 1995: Ord. 10870 § 54, 1993).
- **21A.06.072 Application rate.** Application rate: the depth of water applied to an area expressed in inches per hour. (Ord. 11210 § 24, 1994).
- **21A.06.072B** Aquaculture. Aquaculture: the culture or farming of fin fish, shellfish, algae or other plants or animals in fresh or marine waters. Aquaculture does not include: related commercial or industrial uses such as wholesale or retail sales; or final processing, packing or freezing. (Ord. 16985 § 133, 2010: Ord. 6511 § 1, 1983: Ord. 4222 § 1, 1979: Ord. 3688 § 202, 1978. Formerly K.C.C. 25.08.030).
- **21A.06.072C** Aquatic area. Aquatic area: any nonwetland water feature including all shorelines of the state, rivers, streams, marine waters, inland bodies of open water including lakes and ponds, reservoirs and conveyance systems and impoundments of these features if any portion of the feature is formed from a stream or wetland and if any stream or wetland contributing flows is not created solely as a consequence of stormwater pond construction. "Aquatic area" does not include water features that are entirely artificially collected or conveyed storm or wastewater systems or entirely artificial channels, ponds, pools or other similar constructed water features. (Ord. 15051 § 7, 2004).
- **21A.06.073 Artist studio.** Artist studio: an establishment providing a place solely for the practice or rehearsal of various performing or creative arts; including, but not limited to, acting, dancing, singing, drawing, painting and sculpting. (Ord. 13022 § 1, 1998).
- **21A.06.075** Auction house. Auction house: an establishment where the property of others is sold by a broker or auctioneer to persons who attend scheduled sales periods or events. (Ord. 10870 § 55, 1993).
- **21A.06.078 Bank stabilization.** Bank stabilization: an action taken to minimize or avoid the erosion of materials from the banks of rivers and streams. (Ord. 15051 § 8, 2004).
- **21A.06.080** Base flood. Base flood: a flood having a one percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year, often referred to as the "100-year flood." (Ord. 10870 § 56, 1993).
- **21A.06.085** Base flood elevation. Base flood elevation: the water surface elevation of the base flood in relation to the National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929. (Ord. 10870 § 57, 1993).
- **21A.06.087 Basement.** Basement: for purposes of development proposals in a flood hazard area, any area of a building where the floor subgrade is below ground level on all sides (Ord. 15051 § 9, 2004).

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**21A.06.090 Bed and breakfast guesthouse.** Bed and breakfast guesthouse: a dwelling unit or accessory building within which bedrooms are available for paying guests. (Ord. 10870 § 58, 1993).

- **21A.06.095 Beehive.** Beehive: a structure designed to contain one colony of honey bees (apis mellifera). (Ord. 10870 § 59, 1993).
  - 21A.06.097 Berm. Berm: a constructed area of compacted earth. (Ord. 12987 § 1, 1998).
- **21A.06.098 Best management practice.** Best management practice: a schedule of activities, prohibitions of practices, physical structures, maintenance procedures and other management practices undertaken to reduce pollution or to provide habitat protection or maintenance. (Ord. 15051 § 10, 2004).
- **21A.06.100 Billboard.** Billboard: a sign, including both the supporting structural framework and attached billboard faces, used principally for advertising a business activity, use, product, or service unrelated to the primary use or activity of the property on which the billboard is located; excluding off-premise directional, or temporary real estate signs. (Ord. 10870 § 60, 1993).
- **21A.06.105 Billboard face.** Billboard face: that portion of a billboard, exclusive of its structural support, on which changeable advertising copy is displayed, either by affixing preprinted poster panels or by painting copy on location; subclassified as follows:
- A. Billboard face I -- a billboard face not exceeding a height of 14 feet or a width of 48 feet, and may also include temporary and irregularly shaped extensions subject to the area and duration limitations in K.C.C. 21A.20; and
- B. Billboard face II -- a billboard face not exceeding a height of 12 feet or a width of 24 feet. (Ord. 10870 § 61, 1993).
- **21A.06.108 Bioengineering.** Bioengineering: the use of vegetation and other natural materials such as soil, wood and rock to stabilize soil, typically against slides and stream flow erosion. When natural materials alone do not possess the needed strength to resist hydraulic and gravitational forces, "bioengineering" may consist of the use of natural materials integrated with human-made fabrics and connecting materials to create a complex matrix that joins with in-place native materials to provide erosion control. (Ord. 15051 § 11, 2004).
- **21A.06.113 Bog.** Bog: a wetland that has no significant inflows or outflows and supports acidophilic mosses, particularly sphagnum. (Ord. 15051 § 13, 2004).
- **21A.06.115** Book, stationery, video and art supply store. Book, stationery, video and art supply store: an establishment engaged in the retail sale of books and magazines, stationery, records and tapes, video and art supplies, including only uses located in SIC Industry Nos.:
  - A. 5942-Book Stores:
  - B. 5943-Stationery Stores;
  - C. 5999-Architectural Supplies and Artists' Supply and Materials Stores:
  - D. 7841-Video tape rental;
  - E. 5735-Record, compact disc and prerecorded tape stores; and
  - F. 5736-Musical Instrument stores. (Ord. 10870 § 63, 1993).
- **21A.06.118 Breakwater.** Breakwater: an off-shore structure either floating or not that may or may not be connected to the shore, such structure being designated to absorb or reflect back into the water body the energy of the waves. (Ord. 16985 § 65, 2010: Ord. 3688 § 208, 1978. Formerly K.C.C. 25.08.090).
- **21A.06.120 Broadleaf tree.** Broadleaf tree: a tree characterized by leaves that are broad in width and may include both deciduous and evergreen species. (Ord. 10870 § 64, 1993).
- **21A.06.122 Buffer.** Buffer: a designated area contiguous to a steep slope or landslide hazard area intended to protect slope stability, attenuation of surface water flows and landslide hazards or a designated area contiguous to and intended to protect and be an integral part of an aquatic area or wetland. (Ord. 15051 § 14, 2004: Ord. 10870 § 70, 1993).

- **21A.06.125** Building. Building: any structure having a roof. (Ord. 10870 § 65, 1993).
- **21A.06.135 Building envelope.** Building envelope: area of a lot that delineates the limits of where a building may be placed on the lot. (Ord. 10870 § 67, 1993).
- **21A.06.140 Building facade.** Building facade: that portion of any exterior elevation of a building extending from the grade of the building to the top of the parapet wall or eaves, for the entire width of the building elevation. (Ord. 10870 § 68, 1993).
- **21A.06.145 Building materials and hardware store.** Building materials and hardware store: an establishment engaged in selling lumber and other building materials, paint and glass; including, but not limited to uses located in SIC Major Group No. 52-Building Materials, Hardware, Garden Supply, and Mobile Home Dealers, but excluding retail nursery, garden center and farm supply stores and mobile home dealers. (Ord. 15974 § 2, 2007: 10870 § 69, 1993).
- **21A.06.150 Bulk gas storage tanks.** Bulk gas storage tanks: A tank from which illuminating, heating, or liquefied gas is distributed by piping directly to individual users. (Ord. 11157 § 29, 1993).
- **21A.06.155 Bulk retail.** Bulk retail: an establishment offering the sale of bulk goods to the general public, including limited sales to wholesale customers. These establishments offer a variety of lines of merchandise including but not limited to: food, building, hardware and garden materials, dry goods, apparel and accessories, home furnishings, housewares, drugs, auto supplies, hobby, toys, games, photographic, and electronics. (Ord. 10870 § 71, 1993).
- **21A.06.156 Bulkhead.** "Bulkhead" means a solid or open pile wall of rock, concrete, steel or timber or other materials or a combination of these materials erected generally parallel to and near the ordinary high water mark for the purpose of protecting adjacent wetlands and uplands from waves or currents. (Ord. 16985 § 68, 2010: Ord. 3688 § 209, 1978. Formerly K.C.C. 25.08.100).
- **21A.06.158 Camp, agriculture-related special needs.** Camp, agriculture-related special needs: An establishment primarily engaged in operating a camp for youths with special needs due to a disability, as defined by the American with Disabilities Act of 1990, or due to medical conditions, that engages in activities that are related to or coexist with agriculture and agricultural activities onsite. Agriculture-related special needs camps do not include establishments that have as a primary purpose the treatment of addictions, correctional or disciplinary training, or housing for homeless persons. (Ord. 15909 § 1, 2007).
- **21A.06.160 Campground.** Campground: an area of land developed for recreational use in temporary occupancy, such as: tents or recreational vehicles without hook-up facilities. (Ord. 10870 § 72, 1993).
- 21A.06.162 Camps, recreational and retreat. Camps, recreational and retreat: Establishments primarily engaged in operating recreational and retreat camps that offer a variety of active recreational activities such as trail riding, hiking, hunting, water-related activities such as swimming, kayaking, canoeing, rafting and fishing, and other similar outdoor activities, as well as, more passive activities based on the enjoyment of the natural setting. Recreational and retreat camps may provide overnight accommodation facilities, such as cabins and designated campsites, and other amenities for site users, such as meeting and assembly spaces, food services, recreational facilities and equipment and medical/health stations. Recreational and retreat camps do not include establishments that have as a primary purpose the treatment of addictions, correctional or disciplinary training, or housing for homeless persons. (Ord. 15606 § 4, 2006: Ord. 15245 § 1, 2005).
- **21A.06.165 Capacity, school.** Capacity, school: the number of students a school district's facilities can accommodate district-wide, based on the district's standard of service, as determined by the school district. (Ord. 10870 § 73, 1993).

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**21A.06.170 Capital facilities plan, school.** Capital facilities plan, school: a district's facilities plan adopted by the school board consisting of:

- A. A forecast of future needs for school facilities based on the district's enrollment projections;
- B. The long-range construction and capital improvements projects of the district;
- C. The schools under construction or expansion;
- D. The proposed locations and capacities of expanded or new school facilities;
- E. At least a six-year financing plan component, updated as necessary to maintain at least a six-year forecast period, for financing needed school facilities within projected funding levels, and identifying sources of financing for such purposes, including bond issues authorized by the voters and projected bond issues not yet authorized by the voters;
  - F. Any other long-range projects planned by the district.
- G. The current capacity of the district's school facilities based on the districts adopted standard of service, and a plan to eliminate existing deficiencies, if any, without the use of impact fees; and
- H. An inventory showing the location and capacity of existing school facilities. (Ord. 10870 § 74, 1993).
- **21A.06.172 Catastrophic collapse.** Catastrophic collapse: The collapse of the ground surface by overburden caving into underground voids created by mining. Catastrophic collapse does not include the effects from trough subsidence. (Ord. 13319 § 2, 1998).
- **21A.06.175 Cattery.** Cattery: a place where adult cats are temporarily boarded for compensation, whether or not for training. An adult cat is of either sex, altered or unaltered, that has reached the age of six months. (Ord. 10870 § 75, 1993).
- **21A.06.180 Cemetery, columbarium or mausoleum.** Cemetery, columbarium or mausoleum: land or structures used for interment of the dead or their remains. For purposes of the code, pet cemeteries are considered a subclassification of this use. (Ord. 10870 § 76, 1993).
- **21A.06.181 Channel.** Channel: a feature that contains and was formed by periodically or continuously flowing water confined by banks. (Ord. 15051 § 15, 2004).
- **21A.06.181C** Channel edge. Channel edge: The outer edge of the water's bankfull width or, where applicable, the outer edge of the associated channel migration zone. (Ord. 15051 § 16, 2004).
- **21A.06.181E** Channel migration hazard area, moderate. Channel migration hazard area, moderate: a portion of the channel migration zone, as shown on King County's Channel Migration Zone maps, that lies between the severe channel migration hazard area and the outer boundaries of the channel migration zone. (Ord. 15051 § 17, 2004).
- **21A.06.181G** Channel migration hazard area, severe. Channel migration hazard area, severe: a portion of the channel migration zone, as shown on King County's Channel Migration Zone maps, that includes the present channel. The total width of the severe channel migration hazard area equals one hundred years times the average annual channel migration rate, plus the present channel width. The average annual channel migration rate as determined in the technical report, is the basis for each Channel Migration Zone map. (Ord. 15051 § 18, 2004).
- **21A.06.182 Channel migration zone.** Channel migration zone: those areas within the lateral extent of likely stream channel movement that are subject to risk due to stream bank destabilization, rapid stream incision, stream bank erosion and shifts in the location of stream channels as follows:
- A. In areas located outside King County's shoreline jurisdiction, channel migration zones are as shown on King County's Channel Migration Zone maps. In those areas, "channel migration zone" means the corridor that includes the present channel, the severe channel migration hazard area and the moderate channel migration hazard area;
  - B. In areas located in King County's shoreline jurisdiction, channel migration zone include:
- 1. Areas shown on King County's Channel Migration zone maps, including both the severe channel migration hazard area and the moderate channel migration hazard area; and
- 2. Areas not shown on King County's Channel Migration Zone maps but located within the floodplain;

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- C. "Channel migration zone" does not include areas that lie behind an arterial road, a public road serving as a sole access route, a state or federal highway or a railroad; and
- D. "Channel migration zone" may exclude areas that lie behind a lawfully established flood protection facility that is likely to be maintained by existing programs for public maintenance consistent with designation and classification criteria specified by public rule. When a natural geologic feature affects channel migration, the channel migration zone width will consider such natural constraints. (Ord. 16985 § 130, 2010: Ord. 15051 § 19, 2004: Ord. 11621 § 20, 1994).
- **21A.06.185** Church, synagogue or temple. Church, synagogue or temple: a place where religious services are conducted, including those uses located in SIC Industry No. 866 and including accessory uses in the primary or accessory buildings such as religious education, reading rooms, assembly rooms, and residences for nuns and clergy. This definition does not include facilities for training of religious orders. (Ord. 10870 § 77, 1993).
- **21A.06.190 Classrooms, school.** Classrooms, school: educational facilities of the district required to house students for its basic educational program. The classrooms are those facilities the district determines are necessary to best serve its student population. Specialized facilities as identified by the district, including but not limited to gymnasiums, cafeterias, libraries, administrative offices, and child care centers, shall not be counted as classrooms. (Ord. 10870 § 78, 1993).
- **21A.06.195 Clearing.** Clearing: cutting, killing, grubbing or removing vegetation or other organic plant material by physical, mechanical, chemical or any other similar means. For the purpose of this definition of "clearing," "cutting" means the severing of the main trunk or stem of woody vegetation at any point. (Ord. 15051 § 20, 2004; Ord. 10870 § 79, 1993).
- **21A.06.196 Clustering.** Clustering: development of a subdivision at the existing zoned density that reduces the size of individual lots and creates natural open space for the preservation of critical areas, parks and permanent open space or as a reserve for future development. (Ord. 15606 § 5, 2006).
- **21A.06.197** Coal mine by-products stockpiles. Coal mine by-products stockpiles: an accumulation, greater than five hundred cubic yards and five feet of vertical depth, of undisturbed waste and/or byproduct materials having greater than fifty percent, as measured by weight, of mineral coal or coal shale as a component and which resulted from historic coal mining. (Ord. 13319 § 3, 1998).
- **21A.06.200 Coal mine hazard area.** Coal mine hazard area: an area underlain or directly affected by operative or abandoned subsurface coal mine workings. (Ord. 15051 § 21, 2004: Ord. 13319 § 1, 1998: Ord. 10870 § 80, 1993).
- **21A.06.205 Cogeneration.** Cogeneration: the sequential generation of energy and useful heat from the same primary source or fuel for industrial, commercial, or residential heating or cooling purposes. (Ord. 10870 § 81, 1993).
- **21A.06.210 Communication facility, major.** Major communication facility: a communication facility for transmission and reception of:
  - A. UHF and VHF television signals; or
  - B. FM or AM radio signals. (Ord. 10870 § 82, 1993).
- **21A.06.215 Communication facility, minor.** Minor communication facility: a communication facility for transmission and reception of:
  - A. Two-way and/or citizen band ("CB") radio signals;
  - B. Point-to-point microwave signals;
  - C. Cellular radio signals:
  - D. Signals through FM radio translators; or
- E. Signals through FM radio boosters under ten watts effective radiated power ("ERP"). (Ord. 10870 § 83, 1993).

21A.06.217 - 21A.06.252 ZONING

**21A.06.217 Community identification sign.** Community identification sign: a sign identifying the location of a community or geographic area such as unincorporated activity centers or rural towns designated by the comprehensive plan or communities recognized and delineated by a recognized unincorporated area council. (Ord. 13022 § 2, 1998).

- **21A.06.220** Community residential facility ("CRF"). Community residential facility ("CRF"): living quarters meeting applicable federal and state standards that function as a single housekeeping unit and provide supportive services, including but not limited to counseling, rehabilitation and medical supervision, excluding drug and alcohol detoxification which is classified in K.C.C. 21A.08.050 as health services, and excluding a secure community transition facility as defined in R.C.W. 71.09.020 and in this chapter. For purposes of domestic violence shelters, minors living with a parent shall not be counted as part of the maximum number of residents. CRFs are further classified as follows:
  - A. CRF-I -- Nine to ten residents and staff;
  - B. CRF-II -- Eleven or more residents and staff.

If staffed by nonresident staff, each twenty-four staff hours per day equals one full-time residing staff member for purposes of subclassifying CRFs. (Ord. 16040 § 2, 2008: Ord. 14503 § 1, 2002: Ord. 10870 § 84, 1993).

- **21A.06.223 Commuter parking lot.** Commuter parking lot: vehicle parking specifically for the purpose of access to a public transit system or for users of carpools or vanpools. (Ord. 13022 § 3, 1998).
- **21A.06.225 Compensatory storage.** Compensatory storage: new, excavated storage volume equivalent to any flood storage that is eliminated by building filling or grading within the floodplain. (Ord. 16172 § 2, 2008: Ord. 10870 § 85, 1993).
- **21A.06.230 Conditional use permit.** Conditional use permit: permit granted by the county to locate a permitted use on a particular property subject to conditions placed on the permitted use to ensure compatibility with nearby land uses. (Ord. 10870 § 86, 1993).
- **21A.06.235 Conference center.** Conference center: an establishment developed primarily as a meeting facility, including only facilities for recreation, overnight lodging, and related activities provided for conference participants. (Ord. 10870 § 87, 1993).
- **21A.06.240 Confinement area.** Confinement area. A confinement area is any open land area in which livestock are kept where the forage does not meet the definition of a grazing area. (Ord. 11157 § 2, 1993: Ord. 10870 § 88, 1993).
- **21A.06.245 Consolidation.** Consolidation: the relocation to a consolidated transmission structure of the main transmit antennae of two or more FCC broadcast licensees which prior to such relocation utilized transmission structures located within a 1500 foot radius of the center of the consolidated transmission structure to support their main transmit antennae. (Ord. 10870 § 89, 1993).
- **21A.06.247 Construction and trades.** Construction and trades: establishments that provide services related to construction of buildings and infrastructure, and other improvements to property. Such establishments include, SIC Major group no.'s 15-17, and SIC Industry group no. 078 (Landscape and Horticultural Services). (Ord. 12243 § 4, 1996).
- **21A.06.250 Construction cost per student, school.** Construction cost per student, school: the estimated cost of construction of a permanent school facility in the district for the grade span of school to be provided, as a function of the district's facilities standard per grade span and taking into account the requirements of students with special needs. (Ord. 10870 § 90, 1993).
- **21A.06.252 Conversion factor.** Conversion factor: a number that converts the water budget allowance from acre-inches per acre per year to gallons per square foot per year or cubic feet per year. (Ord. 11210 § 25, 1994).

**21A.06.253 County fairground facility.** County fairground facility: a site permanently designated and improved for holding a county fair, as provided in chapters 15.76 and 36.37 RCW. A county fairground facility may be used for hosting social, educational, recreational, arts and entertainment activities including, but not limited to:

- A. Regional and local festivals;
- B. Agricultural shows and events;
- C. Animal shows:
- D. Training, seminars, classes and conferences;
- E. Trade and specialty shows;
- F. Private and public parties, receptions or banquets;
- G. Sporting events;
- H. Carnivals;
- I. Circuses;
- J. Recreational vehicle parks;
- K. Campgrounds;
- L. Outdoor performance centers; and
- M. Retail, rental and services consistent with the fairgrounds. (Ord. 14808 § 1, 2003).

**21A.06.253C** Critical aquifer recharge area. Critical aquifer recharge area: an area designated on the critical aquifer recharge area map adopted by K.C.C. 21A.24.311 that has a high susceptibility to ground water contamination or an area of medium susceptibility to ground water contamination that is located within a sole source aquifer or within an area approved in accordance with chapter 246-290 WAC as a wellhead protection area for a municipal or district drinking water system, or an area over a sole source aquifer and located on an island surrounded by saltwater. Susceptibility to ground water contamination occurs where there is a combination of permeable soils, permeable subsurface geology and ground water close to the ground surface. (Ord. 15051 § 23, 2004: Ord. 11481 § 1, 1994. Formerly K.C.C. 21A.06.253C).

**21A.06.254 Critical area**. Critical area: any area that is subject to natural hazards or a land feature that supports unique, fragile or valuable natural resources including fish, wildlife or other organisms or their habitats or such resources that carry, hold or purify water in their natural state. "Critical area" includes the following areas:

- A. Aquatic areas:
- B. Coal mine hazard areas;
- C. Critical aquifer recharge area:
- D. Erosion hazard areas:
- E. Flood hazard areas;
- F. Landslide hazard areas:
- G. Seismic hazard areas:
- H. Steep slope hazard areas;
- I. Volcanic hazard areas;
- J. Wetlands:
- K. Wildlife habitat conservation areas; and
- L. Wildlife habitat networks. (Ord. 15051 § 24, 2004).

**21A.06.255 Critical drainage area.** Critical drainage area: an area which has been formally determined by the King County surface water management department to require more restrictive regulation than county-wide standards afford in order to mitigate severe flooding, drainage, erosion or sedimentation problems which result from the cumulative impacts of development and urbanization. (Ord. 10870 § 91, 1993).

**21A.06.260 Critical facility.** Critical facility: a facility necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare including, but not limited to, a facility defined under the occupancy categories of "essential facilities," "hazardous facilities" and "special occupancy structures" in the structural forces chapter or succeeding chapter in K.C.C. Title 16. Critical facilities also include nursing and personal care facilities, schools, senior citizen assisted housing, public roadway bridges and sites that produce, use or store hazardous substances or hazardous waste, not including the temporary storage of consumer products containing hazardous substances or hazardous waste intended for household use or for retail sale on the site. (Ord. 15051 § 25, 2004: Ord. 10870 § 92, 1993).

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21A.06.261 - 21A.06.305 ZONING

**21A.06.261 Critical saltwater habitat.** Critical saltwater habitat: all kelp beds, eelgrass beds, spawning and holding areas for forage fish, such as herring, smelt and sandlance; and subsistence, commercial and recreational shellfish beds; and mudflats, intertidal habitats with vascular plants and areas with which priority species have a primary association. (Ord. 16985 § 128, 2010).

- **21A.06.262 Daily care.** Daily care: medical procedures, monitoring and attention that are necessarily provided at the residence of the patient by the primary provider of daily care on a 24-hour basis. (Ord. 12523 § 2, 1996).
- 21A.06.265 Daycare. Daycare: an establishment for group care of non-resident adults or children.
- A. Daycare shall include only, SIC Industry No. 835, Child Day Care Services, SIC Industry No. 8322, Adult Daycare Centers and the following:
- 1.Adult Daycare, such as adult day health centers or social day care as defined by the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services;
  - 2. Nursery schools for children under minimum age for education in public schools;
- 3. Privately conducted kindergartens or prekindergartens when not a part of a public or parochial school; and
  - 4. Programs covering after-school care for school children.
  - B. Daycare establishments are subclassified as follows:
  - 1. Daycare I -- a maximum of 12 adults or children in any 24 hour period; and
  - 2. Daycare II -- over 12 adults or children in any 24 hour period. (Ord. 10870 § 93, 1993).
- **21A.06.270 Deciduous.** Deciduous: a plant species with foliage that is shed annually. (Ord. 10870 § 94, 1993).
- **21A.06.275 Development rights, transfer of ("TDR").** Development rights, transfer of ("TDR"): the ability to transfer potentially buildable dwelling units from an eligible sending site to an eligible receiving site as provided in this code. (Ord. 14190 § 25, 2001: Ord. 10870 § 95, 1993).
- **21A.06.280 Department.** Department: the King County department of development and environmental services or its successor agency. (Ord. 15051 § 26, 2004: Ord. 10870 § 96, 1993).
- **21A.06.285 Department and variety store.** Department and variety store: an establishment engaged in the retail sale of a variety of lines of merchandise, such as; dry goods, apparel and accessories, home furnishings, housewares, including only uses located in SIC Major Group and Industry Nos.:
  - A. 53-General Merchandise;
  - B. 5947-Gift, Novelty, and Souvenir Shops; and
  - C. 5948-Luggage and Leather Goods Stores. (Ord. 10870 § 97, 1993).
- **21A.06.290 Destination resort.** Destination resort: an establishment for resource-based recreation and intended to utilize outdoor recreational opportunities, including related services, such as food, overnight lodging, equipment rentals, entertainment and other conveniences for guests of the resort. (Ord. 10870 § 98, 1993).
- **21A.06.295 Developer or applicant.** Developer or applicant: the person or entity who owns or holds purchase options or other development control over property for which development activity is proposed. [See Applicant 21A.06.070.] (Ord. 11978 § 2, 1995: Ord. 10870 § 99, 1993).
- **21A.06.300 Development activity.** Development activity: any residential construction or expansion of a building, structure or use, any change in use of a building or structure, or any change in the use of land that creates additional demand for school facilities. (Ord. 10870 § 100, 1993).
- **21A.06.305 Development agreement.** Development agreement: a recorded agreement between a UPD applicant and King County which incorporates the site plans, development standards, and other features of an Urban Plan Development as described in K.C.C. 21A.39. (Ord. 10870 § 101, 1993).

- **21A.06.310 Development proposal.** Development proposal: any activities requiring a permit or other approval from King County relative to the use or development of land. (Ord. 10870 § 102, 1993).
- **21A.06.315 Development proposal site.** Development proposal site: the legal boundaries of the parcel or parcels of land for which an applicant has or should have applied for authority from King County to carry out a development proposal. (Ord. 10870 § 103, 1993).
- **21A.06.320 Direct traffic impact.** Direct traffic impact: any increase in vehicle traffic generated by a proposed development which equals or exceeds ten (10) peak hour, peak direction vehicle trips on any roadway or intersection. (Ord. 10870 § 104, 1993).
- **21A.06.325 Director.** Director: the director of King County department of development and environmental services, or his or her designee. (Ord. 10870 § 105, 1993).
- **21A.06.326 Ditch.** Ditch: an artificial open channel used or constructed for the purpose of conveying water. (Ord. 15051 § 27, 2004).
- **21A.06.328 Dog training facility.** Dog training facility: a place for the training of dogs for discipline, agility and other purposes. (Ord. 15032 § 3, 2004).
- **21A.06.330 Dormitory.** Dormitory: a residential building that provides sleeping quarters, but not separate dwelling units, and may include common dining, cooking and recreation or bathing facilities. (Ord. 10870 § 106, 1993).
- **21A.06.331 Draft flood boundary work map.** Draft flood boundary work map: a floodplain map prepared by a mapping partner, reflecting the results of a flood study or other floodplain mapping analysis. The draft flood boundary work map depicts floodplain boundaries, regulatory floodway boundaries, base flood elevations and flood cross sections, and provides the basis for the presentation of this information on a Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map or Flood Insurance Rate Map. (Ord. 15051 § 28, 2004).
- **21A.06.332 Drainage basin.** Drainage basin: a drainage area that drains to the Cedar river, Green river, Snoqualmie river, Skykomish river, White river, Lake Washington or other drainage area that drains directly to Puget Sound. (Ord. 15051 § 29, 2004).
- **21A.06.332C Drainage facility**. Drainage facility: a feature, constructed or engineered for the primary purpose of providing drainage, that collects, conveys, stores or treats surface water. A drainage facility may include, but is not limited to, a stream, pipeline, channel, ditch, gutter, lake, wetland, closed depression, flow control or water quality treatment facility and erosion and sediment control facility. (Ord. 15051 § 30, 2004).
- **21A.06.333 Drainage subbasin.** Drainage subbasin: a drainage area identified as a drainage subbasin in a county-approved basin plan or, if not identified, a drainage area that drains to a body of water that is named and mapped and contained within a drainage basin. (Ord. 15051 § 31, 2004).
- **21A.06.333A Dredging.** Dredging: the removal, displacement or disposal of unconsolidated earth material such as sand, silt, gravel or other materials, from water bodies, ditches or natural wetlands, whether during submerged conditions or dry conditions. Dredging includes maintenance dredging and support activities. (Ord. 16985 § 70, 2010: Ord. 5734 § 1, 1981. Formerly K.C.C. 25.08.175).
- **21A.06.334 Drift cell.** Drift cell: an independent segment of shoreline along which littoral movements of sediments occur at noticeable rates depending on wave energy and currents. Each drift cell typically includes one or more sources of sediment, such as a feeder bluff or stream outlet that spills sediment onto a beach, a transport zone within which the sediment drifts along the shore and an accretion area; an example of an accretion area is a sand spit where the drifted sediment material is deposited. (Ord. 15051 § 32, 2004).

21A.06.335 - 21A.06.392 ZONING

**21A.06.335 Drop box facility.** Drop box facility: a facility used for receiving solid waste and recyclable from off-site sources into detachable solid waste containers, including the adjacent areas necessary for entrance and exit roads, unloading and vehicle turnaround areas. Drop box facilities normally service the general public with loose loads and may also include containers for separated recyclable. (Ord. 10870 § 107, 1993).

- **21A.06.340 Drug store.** Drug store: an establishment engaged in the retail sale of prescription drugs, nonprescription medicines, cosmetics and related supplies, including only uses located in SIC Industry Group and Industry Nos.:
  - A. 591-Drug Stores and Proprietary Stores;
  - B. 5993-Tobacco Stores and Stands; and
  - C. 5999-Cosmetics Stores. (Ord. 10870 § 108, 1993).
- **21A.06.345 Dwelling unit.** Dwelling unit: one or more rooms designed for occupancy by a person or family for living and sleeping purposes, containing kitchen facilities and rooms with internal accessibility, for use solely by the dwelling's occupants; dwelling units include but are not limited to bachelor, efficiency and studio apartments, factory-built housing and mobile homes. (Ord. 10870 § 109, 1993).
- **21A.06.350 Dwelling unit, accessory.** Dwelling unit, accessory: a separate, complete dwelling unit attached to or contained within the structure of the primary dwelling; or contained within a separate structure that is accessory to the primary dwelling unit on the premises. (Ord. 10870 § 110, 1993).
- **21A.06.355 Dwelling unit, apartment.** Dwelling unit, apartment: a dwelling unit contained in a building consisting of two or more dwelling units which may be stacked, or one or more dwellings with nonresidential uses. (Ord. 10870 § 111, 1993).
- **21A.06.358 Dwelling unit, cottage housing.** Dwelling unit, cottage housing: a detached single-family dwelling unit located on a commonly owned parcel with common open space. (Ord. 15032 § 4, 2004)
- **21A.06.365 Dwelling unit, single detached.** Dwelling unit, single detached: a detached building containing one dwelling unit. (Ord. 10870 § 113, 1993).
- **21A.06.370 Dwelling unit, townhouse.** Dwelling unit, townhouse: a building containing one dwelling unit that occupies space from the ground to the roof, and is attached to one or more other townhouse dwellings by common walls. (Ord. 10870 § 114, 1993).
- **21A.06.375 Earth station.** Earth station: a communication facility which transmits and/or receives signals to and from an orbiting satellite using satellite dish antennas. (Ord. 10870 § 115, 1993).
- **21A.06.378** Ecosystem. Ecosystem: the complex of a community of organisms and its environment functioning as an ecological unit. (Ord. 15051 § 33, 2004).
- **21A.06.380 Effective radiated power.** Effective radiated power: the product of the antenna power input and the numerical antenna power gain. (Ord. 10870 § 116, 1993).
- **21A.06.390 Electrical substation.** Electrical substation: a site containing equipment for the conversion of high voltage electrical power transported through transmission lines into lower voltages transported through distribution lines and suitable for individual users. (Ord. 10870 § 118, 1993).
- **21A.06.392 Emergency**. Emergency: an occurrence during which there is imminent danger to the public health, safety and welfare, or that poses an imminent risk of property damage or personal injury or death as a result of a natural or human-made catastrophe, as determined by the director. (Ord. 15051 § 34, 2004: Ord. 11621 § 21, 1994).

- **21A.06.393 Employee, agricultural.** Employee, agricultural: A person who renders personal services to, or under the direction of, an agricultural employer in connection with the employer's agricultural activity. (Ord. 15974 § 3, 2007).
- **21A.06.395** Energy resource recovery facility. Energy resource recovery facility: an establishment for recovery of energy in a usable form from mass burning or refuse-derived fuel incineration, pyrolysis or any other means of using the heat of combustion of solid waste. (Ord. 10870 § 119, 1993).
- **21A.06.398** Engineer, civil, geotechnical and structural. Engineer, civil, geotechnical and structural:
- A. Civil engineer: an engineer who is licensed as a professional engineer in the branch of civil engineering by the state of Washington;
- B. Geotechnical engineer: an engineer who is licensed as a professional engineer by the state of Washington and who has at least four years of relevant professional employment; and
- C. Structural engineer: an engineer who is licensed as a professional engineer in the branch of structural engineering by the state of Washington. (Ord. 15051 § 35, 2004).
- **21A.06.400 Enhancement.** Enhancement: for the purposes of critical area regulation, an action that improves the processes, structure and functions of ecosystems and habitats associated with critical areas or their buffers. (Ord. 15051 § 36, 2004: Ord. 10870 § 120, 1993).
- **21A.06.401 Environment, shoreline.** Environment, shoreline: the categories of shorelines and shorelands established by the King County shoreline master program to differentiate between areas whose features imply differing objectives regarding their use and future development. (Ord. 16985 § 72, 2010: Ord. 3688 § 218, 1978. Formerly K.C.C. 25.08.190).
- **21A.06.402** Environmental education project. Environmental education project: A project that facilitates learning where the emphasis is placed on relationships between people and natural resources. Environmental education projects include, but are not limited to:
  - A. Bird blinds;
  - B. Observation decks:
  - C. Boardwalks; and
  - D. Signs or kiosks (Ord. 16267 § 11, 2008).
- **21A.06.405 Equipment, heavy.** Equipment, heavy: high-capacity mechanical devices for moving earth or other materials, and mobile power units including, but not limited to:
  - A. Carryalls;
  - B. Graders;
  - C. Loading and unloading devices;
  - D. Cranes;
  - E. Drag lines:
  - F. Trench diggers;
  - G. Tractors;
  - H. Augers;
  - I. Bulldozers;
  - J. Concrete mixers and conveyers;
  - K. Harvesters:
  - L. Combines; or
- M. Other major agricultural equipment and similar devices operated by mechanical power as distinguished from manpower. (Ord. 10870 § 121, 1993).
- **21A.06.410 Erosion.** Erosion: the wearing away of the ground surface as the result of the movement of wind, water or ice. (Ord. 15051 § 37, 2004: Ord. 10870 § 122, 1993).

21A.06.415 - 21A.06.450 ZONING

21A.06.415 Erosion hazard area. Erosion hazard area: an area underlain by soils that is subject to severe erosion when disturbed. These soils include, but are not limited to, those classified as having a severe to very severe erosion hazard according to the United States Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service, the 1990 Snoqualmie Pass Area Soil Survey, the 1973 King County Soils Survey or any subsequent revisions or addition by or to these sources such as any occurrence of River Wash ("Rh") or Coastal Beaches ("Cb") and any of the following when they occur on slopes inclined at fifteen percent or more:

- A. The Alderwood gravely sandy loam ("AgD");
- B. The Alderwood and Kitsap soils ("AkF");
- C. The Beausite gravely sandy loam ("BeD" and "BeF");
- D. The Kitsap silt loam ("KpD");
- E. The Ovall gravely loam ("OvD" and "OvF");
- F. The Ragnar fine sandy loam ("RaD"); and
- G. The Ragnar-Indianola Association ("RdE"). (Ord. 15051 § 38, 2004: Ord. 10870 § 123, 1993).
- **21A.06.420 Evergreen.** Evergreen: a plant species with foliage that persists and remains green year round. (Ord. 10870 § 124, 1993).
- **21A.06.425 Examiner.** Examiner: the zoning and subdivision examiner as established by K.C.C.20.24. (Ord. 10870 § 125, 1993).
- **21A.06.427 Expansion.** Expansion: the act or process of increasing the size, quantity or scope. (Ord. 15051 § 39, 2004).
- **21A.06.430 Fabric shop.** Fabric shop: an establishment engaged in the retail sale of sewing supplies and accessories, including only uses located in SIC Industry Nos.:
  - A. 5949-Sewing, Needlework, and Piece Goods Stores; and
  - B. Awning Shops, Banner Shops, and Flag Shops found in 5999. (Ord. 10870 § 126, 1993).
- **21A.06.435 Facilities standard.** Facilities standard: the space required by grade span, and taking into account the requirements of students with special needs, which is needed in order to fulfill the educational goals of the school district as identified in the district's capital facilities plan. (Ord. 10870 § 127, 1993).
- **21A.06.440 Factory-built commercial building.** Factory-built commercial building: any structure that is either entirely or substantially prefabricated or assembled at a place other than a building site; and designed or used for non-residential human occupancy. (Ord. 10870 § 128, 1993).
- **21A.06.445** Fairground. Fairground: a site permanently constructed for holding a fair, except a county fair or for holding similar events, including, but not limited to:
  - A. Carnivals:
  - B. Circuses:
  - C. Expositions;
  - D. Animal shows; and
- E. Either exhibitions or demonstrations, or both, of farm and home products with accompanying entertainment and amusements. (Ord. 14808 § 2, 2003: Ord. 10870 § 129, 1993).
- **21A.06.450 Family.** Family: an individual; two or more persons related by blood or marriage; a group of two or more disabled residents protected under the Federal Housing Act Amendments, who are not related by blood or marriage, living together as a single housekeeping unit; a group of eight or fewer residents, who are not related by blood or marriage, living together as a single housekeeping unit; or a group living arrangement where eight or fewer residents receive supportive services such as counseling, foster care, or medical supervision at the dwelling unit by resident or non-resident staff. For purposes of this definition, minors living with parent shall not be counted as part of the maximum number of residents. (Ord. 11621 § 30, 1994: 10870 § 130, 1993).

- **21A.06.451 Farm field access drive.** Farm field access drive: an impervious surface constructed to provide a fixed route for moving livestock, produce, equipment or supplies to and from farm fields and structures. (Ord. 15051 § 41, 2004).
- **21A.06.451A** Farm pad. Farm pad; an artificially created mound of earth or an elevated platform placed within a flood hazard area and constructed to an elevation that is above the base flood elevation to provide an area of refuge for livestock or small animals, and for storage of farm vehicles, agricultural equipment and shelter for farm products including, but not limited to, feed, seeds, flower bulbs and hay. (Ord. 16172 § 1, 2008).
  - 21A.06.452 Feasible. Feasible: capable of being done or accomplished. (Ord. 15051 § 40, 2004).
- **21A.06.453** Federal Emergency Management Agency. Federal Emergency Management Agency: the independent federal agency that, among other responsibilities, oversees the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program. (Ord. 15051 § 42, 2004).
- **21A.06.454 FEMA.** FEMA: the Federal Emergency Management Agency. (Ord. 15051 § 43, 2004).
- **21A.06.455 FEMA floodway.** FEMA floodway: the channel of the stream and that portion of the adjoining floodplain that is necessary to contain and discharge the base flood flow without increasing the base flood elevation more than one foot. (Ord. 15051 § 44, 2004: Ord. 10870 § 131, 1993).
- **21A.06.460 Feed store.** Feed store: an establishment engaged in retail sale of supplies directly related to the day to day activities of agricultural production. (Ord. 10870 § 132, 1993).
- **21A.06.464** Fen. Fen: a wetland that receives some drainage from surrounding mineral soil and includes peat formed mainly from Carex and marsh-like vegetation. (Ord. 15051 § 45, 2004).
- **21A.06.465** Fence. Fence: a barrier for the purpose of enclosing space or separating lots, composed of:
  - A. Masonry or concrete walls, excluding retaining walls; or
- B. Wood, metal or concrete posts connected by boards, rails, panels, wire or mesh. (Ord. 10870 § 133, 1993).
- **21A.06.467 Financial guarantee.** Financial guarantee means a form of financial security posted to ensure timely and proper completion of improvements, to ensure compliance with the King County Code, and/or to warranty materials, workmanship of improvements, and design. Financial guarantees include assignments of funds, cash deposit, and surety bonds, and or other forms of financial security acceptable to the director. For the purposes of this title, the terms performance guarantee, maintenance guarantee, and defect guarantee are considered sub-categories of financial guarantee. (Ord. 12020 § 32, 1995).
- **21A.06.469 Float.** Float: a structure or device that is not a breakwater and that is moored, anchored or otherwise secured in the waters of King County and is not connected to the shoreline. (Ord. 16985 § 74, 2010: Ord. 3688 § 220, 1978. Formerly K.C.C. 25.08.210).
- **21A.06.470 Flood fringe, zero-rise.** Flood fringe, zero-rise: that portion of the floodplain outside of the zero-rise floodway. The zero-rise flood fringe is generally associated with standing water rather than rapidly flowing water. (Ord. 15051 § 46, 2004: Ord. 10870 § 134, 1993).
- **21A.06.475 Flood hazard area.** Flood hazard area: any area subject to inundation by the base flood or risk from channel migration including, but not limited to, an aquatic area, wetland or closed depression. (Ord. 15051 § 47, 2004: Ord. 11621 § 31, 1994: 10870 § 135, 1993).
- **21A.06.476 Flood Hazard Boundary Map.** Flood Hazard Boundary Map: the initial insurance map issued by FEMA that identifies, based on approximate analyses, the areas of the one percent annual chance, one-hundred-year, flood hazard within a community. (Ord. 15051 § 48, 2004).

21A.06.478 - 21A.06.510 ZONING

**21A.06.478 Flood hazard data.** Flood hazard data: data or any combination of data available from federal, state or other sources including, but not limited to, maps, critical area studies, reports, historical flood hazard information, channel migration zone maps or studies or other related engineering and technical data that identify floodplain boundaries, regulatory floodway boundaries, base flood elevations or flood cross sections. (Ord. 15051 § 49, 2004).

- **21A.06.480 Flood Insurance Rate Map.** Flood Insurance Rate Map: the insurance and floodplain management map produced by FEMA that identifies, based on detailed or approximate analysis, the areas subject to flooding during the base flood. (Ord. 15051 § 50, 2004: Ord. 11157 § 3, 1993: Ord. 10870 § 136, 1993).
- **21A.06.485 Flood Insurance Study for King County.** Flood Insurance Study for King County: the official report provided by FEMA that includes flood profiles and the Flood Insurance Rate Map. (Ord. 15051 § 51, 2004: Ord. 11157 § 4, 1993: Ord. 10870 § 137, 1993).
- **21A.06.490 Flood protection elevation.** Flood protection elevation: an elevation that is three feet above the base flood elevation. For flood zones that establish flood depths instead of base flood elevations, the flood protection elevation is the depth number specified in feet on the flood insurance rate map plus one foot. The flood protection elevation is measured from the highest adjacent grade of the footprint of the existing or proposed structure. If the flood insurance rate map does not specify a depth, the flood protection elevation is at least two feet as measured from the highest adjacent grade of the footprint of the existing or proposed structure. (Ord. 16686 § 1, 2009: Ord. 16267 § 12, 2008: Ord. 15051 § 52, 2004: Ord. 10870 § 138, 1993).
- **21A.06.492** Flood protection facility. Flood protection facility: a structure that provides protection from flood damage. Flood protection facility includes, but is not limited to, the following structures and supporting infrastructure:
- A. Dams or water diversions, regardless of primary purpose, if the facility provides flood protection benefits;
- B. Flood containment facilities such as levees, dikes, berms, walls and raised banks, including pump stations and other supporting structures; and
  - C. Bank stabilization structures, often called revetments. (Ord. 15051 § 53, 2004).
- **21A.06.495** Floodplain. Floodplain: the total area subject to inundation by the base flood. (Ord. 10870 § 139, 1993).
- **21A.06.500 Floodproofing, dry.** Floodproofing, dry: adaptations that make a structure that is below the flood protection elevation watertight with walls substantially impermeable to the passage of water and with structural components capable of and with sufficient strength to resist hydrostatic and hydrodynamic loads including buoyancy. (Ord. 15051 § 54, 2004: Ord. 10870 § 140, 1993).
- **21A.06.505 Floodway, zero-rise.** Floodway, zero-rise: the channel of a stream and that portion of the adjoining floodplain that is necessary to contain and discharge the base flood flow without any measurable increase in base flood elevation.
- A. For the purpose of this definition, "measurable increase in base flood elevation" means a calculated upward rise in the base flood elevation, equal to or greater than 0.01 foot, resulting from a comparison of existing conditions and changed conditions directly attributable to alterations of the topography or any other flow obstructions in the floodplain. "Zero-rise floodway" is broader than that of the FEMA floodway but always includes the FEMA floodway.
- B. "Zero-rise floodway" includes the entire floodplain unless a critical areas report demonstrates otherwise. (Ord. 15051 § 55, 2004: Ord. 10870 § 141, 1993).
- **21A.06.510 Florist shop.** Florist shop: an establishment engaged in the retail sale of flowers and plants, including only uses located in SIC Industry Nos.:
  - A. 5992-Florists; and
  - B. 5999-Artificial Flowers. (Ord. 10870 § 142, 1993).

- **21A.06.512 Footprint.** Footprint: the area encompassed by the foundation of a structure including building overhangs if the overhangs do not extend more than eighteen inches beyond the foundation and excluding uncovered decks. (Ord. 15051 § 56, 2004).
- **21A.06.513 Footprint, development.** Footprint, development: the area encompassed by the foundations of all structures including paved and impervious surfaces. (Ord. 15051 § 57, 2004)
- **21A.06.515 Forest land.** Forest land: land devoted primarily to growing and harvesting forest and timber products and designated as a forest production district by the King County Comprehensive Plan. (Ord. 10870 § 143, 1993).
- **21A.06.520 Forest practice.** Forest practice: any forest practice as defined in RCW 79.06.020. (Ord. 15051 § 58, 2004: Ord. 10870 § 144, 1993).
- **21A.06.522** Forest practice, class IV-G nonconversion. Forest practice, class IV-G nonconversion: a class IV general forest practice, as defined in WAC 222-16-050, on a parcel for which there is a county approved long term forest management plan. (Ord. 15051 § 59, 2004).
- **21A.06.525** Forest product sales. Forest product sales: the sale of goods produced, extracted, consumed, gathered or harvested from a forest including, but not limited to:
  - A. Trees;
  - B. Wood chips;
  - C. Logs;
  - D. Fuelwood;
  - E. Cones:
  - F. Christmas trees;
  - G. Berries;
  - H. Herbs; or
  - I. Mushrooms. (Ord. 10870 § 145, 1993).
- **21A.06.530** Forest research. Forest research: the performance of scientific studies relating to botany, hydrology, silviculture, biology and other branches of science in relation to management of forest lands, including only uses located in SIC Industry Nos.:
  - A. 8731-Commercial Physical and Biological Research;
  - B. 8733-Noncommercial Research Organizations; and
  - C. 8734-Testing Laboratories. (Ord. 10870 § 146, 1993).
- **21A.06.533** Fully contained community (FCC). FCC: a site specific development project consisting of conceptual site plan(s), development standards, processing and other elements, and which is consistent with the criteria provided in RCW 36.70A.350. (Ord. 12171 § 3, 1996).
- **21A.06.535** Furniture and home furnishings store. Furniture and home furnishings store: an establishment engaged in the retail sale of household furniture and furnishings for the home, including only uses located in SIC Major Group and Industry Nos.:
  - A. 57-Home Furniture, Furnishings, and Equipment Stores, except Industry Group No. 573; and
- B. Baby carriages, Cake Decorating Supplies, Hot Tubs, Picture Frames (ready made), Swimming Pools (above-ground, not site-built), Telephone Stores and Typewriter Stores found in 5999. (Ord. 10870 § 147, 1993).
- **21A.06.540 General business service.** General business service: an establishment engaged in providing services to businesses or individuals, with no outdoor storage or fabrication, including only uses located in SIC Major Group Nos.:
  - A. 60-Depository Institutions:
  - B. 61-Nondepository Credit Institutions;
  - C. 62-Security and Commodity Brokers, Dealers, Exchanges, and Services;
  - D. 63-Insurance Carriers:
  - E. 65-Real Estate, except 653 (Real Estate Agents and Directors);
  - F. 67-Holding and Other Investment Offices;

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- G. 7299 Miscellaneous Personal Services, not elsewhere classified;
- H. 73-Business Services, except Industry Group and Industry Nos.:
- I. 7312-Outdoor Advertising Services; and
- J. 86-Membership Organizations, including administrative offices of organized religions found in 8661, but excluding churches and places of worship. (Ord. 10870 § 148, 1993).
- **21A.06.545 Geologist.** Geologist: a person who holds a current license from the Washington state Geologist Licensing Board. (Ord. 15051 § 60, 2004: Ord. 10870 § 149, 1993).
- **21A.06.555 Golf course facility.** Golf course facility: a recreational facility, under public or private ownership, designed and developed for golf activities with accessory uses including, but not limited to:
  - A. A driving range;
  - B. Miniature golf;
  - C. Pro shops;
  - D. Caddyshack buildings;
  - E. Swimming pools, tennis courts and other related recreational facilities;
  - F. Restaurants;
  - G. Office and meeting rooms; and
  - H. Related storage facilities. (Ord. 11157 § 5, 1993: Ord. 10870 § 152, 1993).
- **21A.06.558 Grade.** Grade: the elevation of the ground surface. "Existing grade," "finish grade" and "rough grade" are defined as follows:
  - A. "Existing grade" means the grade before grading;
- B. "Finish grade" means the final grade of the site that conforms to the approved plan as required under K.C.C. 16.82.060; and
- C. "Rough grade" means the grade that approximately conforms to the approved plan as required under K.C.C. 16.82.060. (Ord. 15051 § 62, 2004).
- **21A.06.560 Grade span.** Grade span: the categories into which a district groups its grades of students; i.e., elementary, middle or junior high school, and high school. (Ord. 10870 § 152, 1993).
- **21A.06.565 Grading.** Grading: any excavation, filling, removing the duff layer or any combination thereof. (Ord. 10870 § 153, 1993).
- **21A.06.570 Grazing area.** Grazing area: a grazing area is any open land area used to pasture livestock in which suitable forage is maintained over 80% of the area at all times of the year. (Ord. 11157 § 6, 1993: Ord. 10870 § 154, 1993).
- **21A.06.573 Groin.** Groin: a barrier type structure extending from the backshore into the water across the beach. The purpose of a groin is to interrupt sediment movement along the shore. (Ord. 16985 § 76, 2010: Ord. 3688 § 222, 1978. Formerly K.C.C. 25.08.230).
- **21A.06.575 Groundcover.** Groundcover: living plants designed to grow low to the ground (generally one foot or less) and intended to stabilize soils and protect against erosion. (Ord. 10870 § 155, 1993).
- **21A.06.577 Habitat.** Habitat: the locality, site and particular type of environment occupied by an organism at any stage in its life cycle. (Ord. 15051 § 63, 2004).
- **21A.06.578 Habitat, fish.** Habitat, fish: habitat that is used by anadromous or resident salmonids at any life stage at any time of the year including potential habitat likely to be used by anadromous or resident salmonids. "Fish habitat" includes habitat that is upstream of, or landward of, human-made barriers that could be accessible to, and could be used by, fish upon removal of the barriers. This includes off-channel habitat, flood refuges, tidal flats, tidal channels, streams and wetlands. (Ord. 16267 § 13, 2008: Ord. 15051 § 64, 2004).

- **21A.06.580 Hazardous household substance.** Hazardous household substance: a substance as defined in RCW 70.105.010. (Ord. 10870 § 156, 1993).
- **21A.06.582** Hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipeline. Hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipeline: Hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines, as defined by RCW 81.88.040 and WAC 480-93-005. (Ord. 14045 § 4, 2001).
- **21A.06.585** Hazardous substance. Hazardous substance: a substance as defined in RCW 70.105.010. (Ord. 10870 § 157, 1993).
- **21A.06.590** Heavy equipment and truck repair. Heavy equipment and truck repair: the repair and maintenance of self-powered, self-propelled or towed mechanical devices, equipment and vehicles used for commercial purposes, such as tandem axle trucks, graders, backhoes, tractor trailers, cranes, lifts, but excluding automobiles and pick-up trucks under 10,000 pounds, recreational vehicles, boats and their trailers. (Ord. 11621 § 32, 1994: 10870 § 158, 1993).
- **21A.06.595 Helistop.** Helistop: an area on a roof or on the ground used for the takeoff and landing of helicopters for the purpose of loading or unloading passengers or cargo but not including fueling service, hangers, maintenance or overhaul facilities. (Ord. 10870 § 159, 1993).
- **21A.06.597 Historic resource.** Historic resource: a district, site, building, structure or object significant in national, state or local history, architecture, archaeology, and culture. (Ord. 11621 § 22, 1994).
- **21A.06.598** Historic resource inventory. Historic resource inventory: An organized compilation of information on historic resources considered to be potentially significant according to the criteria listed in K.C.C. 20.62.040A. The historic resource inventory is kept on file by the historic preservation officer and is updated from time to time to include newly eligible resources and to reflect changes to resources. (Ord. 11621 § 23, 1994).
- **21A.06.599 Historical flood hazard information.** Historical flood hazard information: information that identifies floodplain boundaries, regulatory floodway boundaries, base flood elevations, or flood cross sections including, but not limited to, photos, video recordings, high water marks, survey information or news agency reports. (Ord. 15051 § 65, 2004).
- **21A.06.600 Hobby, toy, and game shop.** Hobby, toy, and game shop: an establishment engaged in the retail sale of toys, games, hobby and craft kits, including only uses located in SIC Industry Nos.:
  - A. 5945-Hobby, Toy and Game Shops; and
- B. 5999-Autograph and Philatelist Supply Stores, Coin Shops, and Stamps, philatelist-retail (except mail order). (Ord. 10870 § 160, 1993).
- **21A.06.605** Home industry. Home industry: a limited-scale sales, service or fabrication activity undertaken for financial gain, which occurs in a dwelling unit or residential accessory building, or in a barn or other resource accessory building and is subordinate to the primary use of the site as a residence. (Ord. 13022 § 7, 1998: Ord. 10870 § 161, 1993).
- **21A.06.610 Home occupation.** Home occupation: a limited-scale service or fabrication activity undertaken for financial gain, which occurs in a dwelling unit or accessory building and is subordinate to the primary use of the site as a residence. (Ord. 13022 § 8, 1998: Ord. 10870 § 162, 1993).
- **21A.06.615 Household pets.** Household pets: small animals that are kept within a dwelling unit. (Ord. 10870 § 163, 1993).
- **21A.06.620 Hydroelectric generation facility.** Hydroelectric generation facility: an establishment for the generation of electricity using water sources. (Ord. 10870 § 164, 1993).

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**21A.06.625** Impervious surface. Impervious surface: A nonvertical surface artificially covered or hardened so as to prevent or impede the percolation of water into the soil mantle at natural infiltration rates including, but not limited to, roofs, swimming pools and areas that are paved, graveled or made of packed or oiled earthen materials such as roads, walkways or parking areas. "Impervious surface" does not include landscaping and surface water flow control and water quality treatment facilities. (15051 § 66, 2004: Ord. 13190 § 14, 1998: Ord. 11978 § 3, 1995: Ord. 11802 § 2, 1995: Ord. 10870 § 165, 1993).

- **21A.06.628 Impoundment.** Impoundment: a body of water collected in a reservoir, pond or dam or collected as a consequence of natural disturbance events. (Ord. 15051 § 67, 2004).
- **21A.06.630 Improved public roadways.** Improved public roadways: public road rights-of-way that have been improved with at least two travel lanes and are maintained by either King County or the state of Washington. (Ord. 10870 § 166, 1993).
- **21A.06.635** Individual transportation and taxi. Individual transportation and taxi: an establishment engaged in furnishing individual or small group transportation by motor vehicle, including only uses located in SIC Industry Group and Industry Nos.:
  - A. 412-Taxicabs; and
  - B. 4119-Local Passenger Transportation, not elsewhere Classified. (Ord. 10870 § 167, 1993).
- **21A.06.637 Infiltration rate.** Infiltration rate: the rate of water entry into the soil expressed in inches per hour. (Ord. 11210 § 27, 1994).
- **21A.06.638 Instream structure.** Instream structure: anything placed or constructed below the ordinary high water mark, including, but not limited to, weirs, culverts, fill and natural materials and excluding dikes, levees, revetments and other bank stabilization facilities. (Ord. 15051 § 68, 2004).
- **21A.06.640 Interim recycling facility.** Interim recycling facility: a site or establishment engaged in collection or treatment of recyclable materials, which is not the final disposal site, and including:
  - A. Drop boxes;
- B. Collection, separation and shipment of glass, metal, paper or other recyclables. (Ord. 15032 § 5, 2004: Ord. 10870 § 168, 1993).
- **21A.06.641 Interlocal agreement.** Interlocal agreement: for purposes of K.C.C. 21A.28, interlocal agreement means any agreement between the county, the district, and any city setting forth certain terms relating to the collection of impact fees by the county and distribution of those fees to the district. An interlocal agreement shall not be required where the county is the sole jurisdiction within the boundaries of the district that is assessing impact fees. (Ord. 11621 § 24, 1994).
- **21A.06.641C Invasive vegetation.** Invasive vegetation: a plant species listed as obnoxious weeds on the noxious weed list adopted King County department of natural resources and parks. (Ord. 15051 § 69, 2004).
- **21A.06.642 Irrigation efficiency.** Irrigation efficiency: is the coefficient of the amount of water beneficially used divided by the amount of water applied. This coefficient is derived from actual measurements and an evaluation of the general characteristics of the type of irrigation system and management practices proposed. (Ord. 11210 § 26, 1994).
- **21A.06.645 Jail.** Jail: a facility operated by a governmental agency; designed, staffed and used for the incarceration of persons for the purposes of punishment, correction and rehabilitation following conviction of an offense. (Ord. 10870 § 169, 1993).
- **21A.06.650 Jail farm.** Jail farm: a farm or camp on which persons convicted of minor law violations are confined and participate in agriculture and other work activities of the facility. (Ord. 10870 § 170, 1993).

- **21A.06.653 Jetty.** Jetty: an artificial barrier used to change the natural littoral drift to protect inlet entrances from clogging by excess sediment. (Ord. 16985 § 78, 2010: Ord. 3688 § 224, 1978. Formerly K.C.C. 25.08.250).
- **21A.06.655 Jewelry store**. Jewelry store: an establishment engaged in the retail sale of a variety of jewelry products, including only uses located in SIC Industry Nos.:
  - A. 5944-Jewelry Stores; and
  - B. Gem stones and Rock specimens found in 5999. (Ord. 10870 § 171, 1993).
- **21A.06.658 Joint use driveway.** Joint use driveway: A jointly owned and/or maintained vehicular access to two residential properties. (Ord. 11621 § 25, 1994).
- **21A.06.660 Kennel.** Kennel: a place where adult dogs are temporarily boarded for compensation, whether or not for training. An adult dog is one of either sex, altered or unaltered, that has reached the age of six months. (Ord. 10870 § 172, 1993).
- **21A.06.661 Kennel-free dog boarding and daycare.** Kennel-free dog boarding and daycare: Dog boarding or daycare facility that utilizes rooms or outdoor exercise area, rather than cages or cement floored runs, to allow for and encourage the socialization, interaction and exercise of dogs. (Ord. 15816 § 3, 2007).
- **21A.06.662 Kitchen or kitchen facility.** Kitchen or kitchen facility: an area within a building intended for the preparation and storage of food and containing:
  - A. An appliance for the refrigeration of food;
  - B. An appliance for the cooking or heating of food; and
  - C. A sink. (Ord. 12786 § 1, 1997).
- **21A.06.665** Landfill. Landfill: a disposal site or part of a site at which refuse is deposited. (Ord. 10870 § 173, 1993).
- **21A.06.667** Landscape water features. Landscape water features: a pond, pool or fountain used as a decorative component of a development. (Ord. 11210 § 28, 1994).
- **21A.06.670 Landscaping.** Landscaping: live vegetative materials required for a development. Said materials provided along the boundaries of a development site is referred to as perimeter landscaping. (Ord. 11210 § 36, 1994: Ord. 10870 § 174, 1993).
- **21A.06.675** Landslide. Landslide: episodic downslope movement of a mass including, but not limited to, soil, rock or snow. (Ord. 10870 § 175, 1993).
- **21A.06.680** Landslide hazard area. Landslide hazard area: an area subject to severe risk of landslide, such as:
  - A. An area with a combination of:
  - 1. Slopes steeper than fifteen percent of inclination;
- 2. Impermeable soils, such as silt and clay, frequently interbedded with granular soils, such as sand and gravel; and
  - 3. Springs or ground water seepage;
- B. An area that has shown movement during the Holocene epoch, which is from ten thousand years ago to the present, or that is underlain by mass wastage debris from that epoch;
- C. Any area potentially unstable as a result of rapid stream incision, stream bank erosion or undercutting by wave action;
  - D. An area that shows evidence of or is at risk from snow avalanches; or
- E. An area located on an alluvial fan, presently or potentially subject to inundation by debris flows or deposition of stream-transported sediments. (Ord. 15051 § 70, 2004: Ord. 10870 § 176, 1993).

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**21A.06.682** Large active recreation and multiuse park. Large active recreation and multiuse park: a park owned by King County that is designated in the recreation category or the multiuse category in a parks inventory list. (Ord. 14807 § 3, 2003).

- **21A.06.683** Letter of map amendment. Letter of map amendment: an official determination by FEMA that a property has been inadvertently included in an area subject to inundation by the base flood as shown on a Flood Hazard Boundary Map or Flood Insurance Rate Map. (Ord. 15051 § 71, 2004).
- **21A.06.684** Letter of map revision. Letter of map revision: a letter issued by FEMA to revise the Flood Hazard Boundary Map or Flood Insurance Rate Map and Flood Insurance Study for a community to change base flood elevations, and floodplain and floodway boundary delineation. (Ord. 15051 § 72, 2004).
- **21A.06.685** Level of service ("LOS"), traffic. Level of service ("LOS") traffic: a quantitative measure of traffic congestion identified by a declining letter scale (A-F) as calculated by the methodology contained in the 1985 Highway Capacity Manual Special Report 209 or as calculated by another method approved by the department of transportation. LOS "A" indicates free flow of traffic with no delays while LOS "F" indicates jammed conditions or extensive delay. (Ord. 14199 § 231, 2001: Ord. 10870 § 177, 1993).
- **21A.06.690** Light equipment. Light equipment: hand-held tools and construction equipment, such as chain saws, wheelbarrows and post-hole diggers. (Ord. 10870 § 178, 1993).
- **21A.06.695** Livestock. Livestock: grazing animals kept either in open fields or structures for training, boarding, home use, sales, or breeding and production, including but not limited to:
  - A. Cattle:
  - B. Riding and draft horses;
- C. Hogs, excluding pigs weighing under 120 lbs. and standing 20 inches or less at the shoulder which are kept as pets or small animals;
  - D. Sheep; and
  - E. Goats. (Ord. 10870 § 179, 1993).
- **21A.06.700** Livestock, large. Livestock, large: cattle, horses, and other livestock generally weighing over 500 pounds. (Ord. 10870 § 180, 1993).
- **21A.06.705** Livestock, small. Livestock, small: hogs, excluding pigs weighing under 120 lbs. and standing 20 inches or less at the shoulder which are kept as household pets or small animals, sheep, goats, miniature horses, llamas, alpaca and other livestock generally weighing under 500 pounds. (Ord. 10870 § 181, 1993).
- **21A.06.710 Livestock sales.** Livestock sales: the sale of livestock but not including auctions. (Ord. 10870 § 182, 1993).
- **21A.06.715** Loading space. Loading space: a space for the temporary parking of a vehicle while loading or unloading cargo or passengers. (Ord. 10870 § 183, 1993).
- **21A.06.720** Log storage. Log storage: a facility for the open or enclosed storage of logs which may include repair facilities for equipment used on-site or operations offices. (Ord. 10870 § 184, 1993).
- **21A.06.725** Lot. Lot: a physically separate and distinct parcel of property, which has been created pursuant to K.C.C. Title 19, Subdivision. (Ord. 10870 § 185, 1993).
- **21A.06.730** Lot line, interior. Lot line, interior: lot lines that delineate property boundaries along those portions of the property which do not abut a street. (Ord. 10870 § 186, 1993).

- **21A.06.731 Maintenance.** Maintenance: the usual acts to prevent a decline, lapse or cessation from a lawfully established condition without any expansion of or significant change from that originally established condition. Activities within landscaped areas within areas subject to native vegetation retention requirements may be considered "maintenance" only if they maintain or enhance the canopy and understory cover. "Maintenance" includes repair work but does not include replacement work. When maintenance is conducted specifically in accordance with the Regional Road Maintenance Guidelines, the definition of "maintenance" in the glossary of those guidelines supersedes the definition of "maintenance" in this section. (Ord. 15051 § 73, 2004).
- 21A.06.732 Manufactured home or mobile home. Manufactured home or mobile home: a structure, transportable in one or more sections, that in the traveling mode is eight body feet or more in width or thirty-two body feet or more in length; or when erected on site, is three-hundred square feet or more in area; which is built on a permanent chassis and is designated for use with or without a permanent foundation when attached to the required utilities; which contains plumbing, heating, air-conditioning and electrical systems; and shall include any structure that meets all the requirements of this section, or of chapter 296-150M WAC, except the size requirements for which the manufacturer voluntarily complies with the standards and files the certification required by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. The term "manufactured home" or "mobile home" does not include a "recreational vehicle." (Ord. 15606 § 6, 2006: Ord. 15051 § 74, 2004).
- **21A.06.734 Mapping partner.** Mapping partner: any organization or individual that is involved in the development and maintenance of a draft flood boundary work map, Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map or Flood Insurance Rate Map. (Ord. 15051 § 75, 2004).
- **21A.06.735 Marina.** Marina: an establishment providing docking, moorage space and related activities limited to the provisioning or minor repair of pleasure boats and yachts; and accessory facilities including, but not limited to:
  - A. Showers:
  - B. Toilets: and
  - C. Self-service laundries. (Ord. 10870 § 187, 1993).
- **21A.06.738 Master program, shoreline.** Master program, shoreline: the comprehensive shoreline use plan for King County consisting of:
- A. The King County shoreline management goals and policies, set forth in King County Comprehensive Plan Chapter 5, that guide environmental designations, shoreline protection, shoreline use and shoreline modifications; and
- B. The development regulations identified in K.C.C. 20.12.205. (Ord. 16985 § 80, 2010: Ord. 3688 § 228, 1978. Formerly K.C.C. 25.08.290).
- **21A.06.740 Material error.** Material error: substantive information upon which a permit decision is based that is submitted in error or is omitted at the time of permit application. (Ord. 10870 § 188, 1993).
- **21A.06.742 Materials processing facility.** Materials processing facility: a site or establishment, not accessory to a mineral extraction or sawmill use, that is primarily engaged in crushing, grinding, pulverizing or otherwise preparing earth materials, vegetation, organic waste, construction and demolition materials or source separated organic materials and that is not the final disposal site. (Ord. 15032 § 6, 2004)
- **21A.06.743 Maximum extent practical.** Maximum extent practical: the highest level of effectiveness that can be achieved through the use of best available science or technology. In determining what is the "maximum extent practical," the department shall consider, at a minimum, the effectiveness, engineering feasibility, commercial availability, safety and cost of the measures. (Ord. 15051 § 76, 2004).
- **21A.06.745 Microwave.** Microwave: electromagnetic waves with a frequency range of 300 megahertz (MHz) to 300 gigahertz (GHz). (Ord. 10870 § 189, 1993).

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**21A.06.750 Mitigation.** Mitigation: an action taken to compensate for adverse impacts to the environment resulting from a development activity or alteration. (Ord. 15051 § 77, 2004: Ord. 10870 § 190, 1993).

- **21A.06.751 Mitigation bank.** Mitigation bank: a property that has been protected in perpetuity and approved by appropriate county, state and federal agencies expressly for the purpose of providing compensatory mitigation in advance of authorized impacts through any combination of restoration, creation or enhancement of wetlands and, in exceptional circumstances, preservation of adjacent wetlands and wetland buffers or protection of other aquatic or wildlife resources. (Ord. 15051 § 78, 2004: Ord. 11621 § 26, 1994).
- **21A.06.752 Mitigation banking.** Mitigation banking: a system for providing compensatory mitigation in advance of authorized wetland impacts of development in King County in which credits are generated through restoration, creation, and/or enhancement of wetlands, and in exceptional circumstances, preservation of adjacent wetlands, wetland buffers, and/or other aquatic resources. (Ord. 11621 § 27, 1994).
- **21A.06.753 Mixed-use development.** Mixed-use development: a combination of residential and non-residential uses within the same building or site as part of an integrated development project with functional interrelationships and coherent physical design. (Ord. 14045 § 5, 2001).
- **21A.06.755 Mobile home.** See manufactured home. (Ord. 15606 § 7, 2006: Ord. 10870 § 191, 1993).
- **21A.06.760 Mobile home park.** Mobile home park: a development with two or more improved pads or spaces designed to accommodate mobile homes. (Ord. 10870 § 192, 1993).
- **21A.06.765 Monitoring.** Monitoring: evaluating the impacts of development proposals on biologic, hydrologic and geologic systems and assessing the performance of required mitigation through the collection and analysis of data for the purpose of understanding and documenting changes in natural ecosystems, functions and features including, but not limited to, gathering baseline data. (Ord. 10870 § 193, 1993).
- **21A.06.770 Monuments, tombstones, and gravestones sales.** Monuments, tombstones, and gravestones sales: the retail sale of custom stonework products including only uses located in SIC Industry No. 5599-Monuments, finished to custom order, Tombstones and Gravestones finished. (Ord. 10870 § 194, 1993).
- **21A.06.775 Motor vehicle, boat and mobile home dealer.** Motor vehicle, boat and mobile home dealer: an establishment engaged in the retail sale of new and/or used automobiles, motor homes, motorcycles, trailers, boats or mobile homes, including only uses located in SIC Major Group and Industry Group Nos.:
  - A. 55-Automotive Dealers and Gasoline Service Stations except:
  - 1. 553-Auto and Home Supply Stores;
  - 2. 554-Gasoline Service Stations; and
  - B. Aircraft dealers found in 5599:
  - 1. 527-Mobile Home Dealers; and
  - 2. Yacht brokers found in 7389. (Ord. 10870 § 195, 1993).
- **21A.06.780 Motor vehicle and bicycle manufacturing.** Motor vehicle and bicycle manufacturing: fabricating or assembling complete passenger automobiles, trucks, commercial cars and buses, motorcycles, and bicycles, including only uses located in SIC Industry Group Nos.:
  - A. 371-Motor Vehicles and Motor Vehicle Equipment; and
  - B. 375-Motorcycles, Bicycles, and Parts. (Ord. 10870 § 196, 1993).
- **21A.06.782 Mulch.** Mulch: any material such as leaves, bark, straw left loose and applied to the soil surface to reduce evaporation. (Ord. 11210 § 29, 1994).

- **21A.06.785 Municipal water production.** Municipal water production: the collection and processing of surface water through means of dams or other methods of impoundment for municipal water systems. (Ord. 11157 § 7, 1993: Ord. 10870 § 197, 1993).
- **21A.06.790 Native vegetation.** Native vegetation: plant species indigenous to the Puget Sound region that reasonably could be expected to naturally occur on the site. (Ord. 15051 § 79, 2004; Ord. 10870 § 198, 1993).
- **21A.06.795** Naturalized species. Naturalized species: non-native species of vegetation that are adaptable to the climatic conditions of the coastal region of the Pacific Northwest. (Ord. 10870 § 199, 1993).
- **21A.06.796 Navigability or navigable.** Navigability or navigable: the capability of susceptibility of a body of water of having been or being used for the transport of useful commerce. The state of Washington considers all bodies of water meandered by government surveyors as navigable unless otherwise declared by a court. (Ord. 16985 § 81, 2010).
- **21A.06.796A Nearshore.** Nearshore: the area beginning at the crest of coastal bluffs and extending seaward through the marine photics zone, and to the head of tide in coastal rivers and streams. Nearshore includes estuaries. (Ord. 16985 § 82, 2010).
  - **21A.06.797 Net buildable area.** Net buildable area: the "site area" less the following areas:
- A. Areas within a project site that are required to be dedicated for public rights-of-way in excess of sixty feet in width;
- B. Critical areas and their buffers to the extent they are required by K.C.C. chapter 21A.24 to remain undeveloped;
- C. Areas required for storm water control facilities other than facilities that are completely underground, including, but not limited to, retention or detention ponds, biofiltration swales and setbacks from such ponds and swales;
  - D. Areas required to be dedicated or reserved as on-site recreation areas;
  - E. Regional utility corridors; and
- F. Other areas, excluding setbacks, required to remain undeveloped. (Ord. 15051 § 80, 2004: Ord. 11798 § 3, 1995: Ord. 11555 § 2, 1994).
- **21A.06.799** No net loss of shoreline ecological function. No net loss of shoreline ecological function: the maintenance of the aggregate total of King County shoreline ecological functions over time. The no net loss standard in WAC 173-26-186 requires that the impacts of shoreline use or development, whether permitted or exempt from permit requirements, be identified and mitigated such that there are no resulting adverse impacts on ecological functions or processes. (Ord. 16985 § 127, 2010).
- **21A.06.800 Nonconformance.** Nonconformance: any use, improvement or structure established in conformance with King County rules and regulations in effect at the time of establishment that no longer conforms to the range of uses permitted in the site's current zone or to the current development standards of the code due to changes in the code or its application to the subject property. (Ord. 10870 § 200, 1993).
- **21A.06.805 Nonhydro-electric generation facility.** Nonhydro-electric generation facility: an establishment for the generation of electricity by nuclear reaction, burning fossil fuels, or other electricity generation methods. (Ord. 10870 § 201, 1993).
- **21A.06.810 Non-ionizing electromagnetic radiation ("NIER").** Non-ionizing electromagnetic radiation ("NIER"): electromagnetic radiation of low photon energy unable to cause ionization. (Ord. 10870 § 202, 1993).
- **21A.06.815 Noxious weed.** Noxious weed: a plant species that is highly destructive, competitive or difficult to control by cultural or chemical practices, limited to any plant species listed on the state noxious weed list in chapter 16-750 WAC, regardless of the list's regional designation or classification of the species. (Ord. 15051 § 81, 2004: Ord. 10870 § 203, 1993).

21A.06.817 - 21A.06.835 ZONING

**21A.06.817 Off-street required parking lot.** Off-street required parking lot; parking facilities constructed to meet the off-street parking requirements of K.C.C. 21A.18 for land uses located on a lot separate from the parking facilities. (Ord. 13022 § 4, 1998).

- **21A.06.819 Open space.** Open space: areas left predominately in a natural state to create urban separators and greenbelts, sustain native ecosystems, connect and increase protective buffers for environmentally sensitive areas, provide a visual contrast to continuous development, reinforce community identity and aesthetics, or provide links between important environmental or recreational resources. (Ord. 14045 § 6, 2001).
- **21A.06.820 Open-work fence.** Open-work fence: a fence in which the solid portions are evenly distributed and constitute no more than fifty (50) percent of the total surface area. (Ord. 10870 § 204, 1993).
- 21A.06.825 Ordinary high water mark. Ordinary high water mark: the mark found by examining the bed and banks of a stream, lake, pond or tidal water and ascertaining where the presence and action of waters are so common and long maintained in ordinary years as to mark upon the soil a vegetative character distinct from that of the abutting upland. In an area where the ordinary high water mark cannot be found, the line of mean high water in areas adjoining freshwater or mean higher high tide in areas adjoining saltwater is the "ordinary high water mark." In an area where neither can be found, the top of the channel bank is the "ordinary high water mark." In braided channels and alluvial fans, the ordinary high water mark or line of mean high water include the entire water or stream feature. (Ord. 15051 § 82, 2004: Ord. 10870 § 205, 1993).
- **21A.06.830 Outdoor performance center.** Outdoor performance center: an establishment for the performing arts with open-air seating for audiences. Such establishments may include related services such as food and beverage sales and other concessions. (Ord. 10870 § 206, 1993).
- **21A.06.831** Overburden-cover-to-seam-thickness ratio. Overburden-cover-to-seam-thickness ratio: the thickness as measured from the ground surface to the top of the abandoned mine working divided by the extracted thickness of the coal seam, expressed as a ratio. A ten foot extracted coal seam will have a 10:1 overburden-cover-to-seam-thickness ratio at a depth of one hundred feet and a 15:1 overburden-cover-to-seam-thickness ratio at a depth of one hundred fifty feet. (Ord. 13319 § 4, 1998).
- **21A.06.832** Overspray. Overspray: irrigation water applied beyond the landscape area. (Ord. 11210 § 30, 1994).
- **21A.06.834 Paintball.** A sport in which participants eliminate opponents from play by hitting them with paintballs shot from a compressed-gas-powered paintball gun. (Ord. 16267 § 14, 2008)
- **21A.06.835 Park.** Park: a site designed or developed for recreational use by the public including, but not limited to:
  - A. Indoor facilities, such as:
  - 1. Gymnasiums
  - 2. Swimming pools; or
  - 3. Activity centers;
  - B. Outdoor facilities, such as:
  - 1. Playfields;
  - 2. Fishing areas;
  - 3. Picnic and related outdoor activity areas; or
  - 4. Approved campgrounds;
  - C. Areas and trails for:
  - 1. Hikers:
  - 2. Equestrians:
  - 3. Bicyclists; or
  - 4. Off-road recreational vehicle users;

- D. Recreation space areas required under K.C.C. 21A.14.180;
- E. Play areas required under K.C.C. 21A.14.190; and
- F. Facilities for on-site maintenance. (Ord. 13022 § 9, 1998: Ord. 10870 § 207, 1993).
- **21A.06.840 Park service area.** Park service area: established by the department, within which the dedications of land and fees received from new residential developments for the benefit of residents within such service area. (Ord. 10870 § 208, 1993).
- **21A.06.845** Parking lot aisle. Parking lot aisle: that portion of the off-street parking area used exclusively for the maneuvering and circulation of motor vehicles and in which parking is prohibited. (Ord. 10870 § 209, 1993).
- **21A.06.850 Parking lot unit depth.** Parking lot unit depth: the linear distance within which one parking aisle is flanked by accessible rows of parking stalls as measured perpendicular to the parking aisle. (Ord. 10870 § 210, 1993).
- **21A.06.855** Parking space. Parking space: an area accessible to vehicles, improved, maintained and used for the sole purpose of parking a motor vehicle. (Ord. 10870 § 211, 1993).
- **21A.06.860** Parking space angle. Parking space angle: the angle measured from a reference line, generally the property line or center line of an aisle, at which motor vehicles are to be parked. (Ord. 10870 § 212, 1993).
- **21A.06.865 Party of record.** Party of record ("POR"): a person who has submitted written comments, testified, asked to be notified or is the sponsor of a petition entered as part of the official county record on a specific development proposal. (Ord. 10870 § 213, 1993).
- **21A.06.870 Peak hour.** Peak hour: the hour during the morning or afternoon when the most critical level of service occurs for a particular roadway or intersection. (Ord. 10870 § 214, 1993).
- **21A.06.875 Permanent school facilities.** Permanent school facilities: facilities of a school district with a fixed foundation which are not relocatable facilities. (Ord. 10870 § 215, 1993).
- **21A.06.880 Personal medical supply store.** Personal medical supply store: an establishment engaged in the retail sale of eyeglasses, contact lenses, hearing aids, and artificial limbs, including only uses located in SIC Industry Nos.:
  - A. 5995-Optical Goods Stores; and
  - B. 5999-Hearing Aids and Orthopedic and Artificial Limb Stores. (Ord. 10870 § 216, 1993).
- **21A.06.885 Pet shop.** Pet shop: an establishment engaged in the retail sale of pets, small animals, pet supplies, or grooming of pets, including only uses located in SIC Industry No. 5999-Pet shops. (Ord. 10870 § 217, 1993).
- **21A.06.890 Photographic and electronic shop.** Photographic and electronic shop: an establishment engaged in the retail sale of cameras and photographic supplies, and a variety of household electronic equipment, including only uses located in SIC Industry No.:
  - A. 5946 Camera and Photographic Supply Stores;
  - B. 5999 Binoculars and Telescopes:
  - C. 5731 Radio, Television, and Consumer Electronics Stores; and
  - D. 5734 Computer and Computer Software Stores. (Ord. 10870 § 218, 1993).
- **21A.06.892 Pier or dock.** Pier or dock: a structure built in or over, or floating upon, the water extending from the shore, that may be used as a landing place for air or water craft or recreational activities. (Ord. 16985 § 84, 2010: Ord. 3688 § 234, 1978. Formerly K.C.C. 25.08.370).

21A.06.895 - 21A.06.920 ZONING

**21A.06.895** Plant associations of infrequent occurrence. Plant associations of infrequent occurrence: one or more plant species of a landform type which does not often occur in King County because of the rarity of the habitat and/or the species involved or for other botanical or environmental reasons. (Ord. 10870 § 219, 1993).

- **21A.06.897 Plant factor.** A factor which when multiplied by reference evapotranspiration, estimates the amount of water used by plants. (Ord. 11210 § 31, 1994).
- **21A.06.899 Potable water.** Potable water: water suitable for human consumption. (Ord. 11210 § 32, 1994).
- **21A.06.899C** Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map. Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map: the initial map issued by FEMA for public review and comment that delineates areas of flood hazard. (Ord. 15051 § 83, 2004).
- **21A.06.899E. Preliminary Flood Insurance Study.** Preliminary Flood Insurance Study: the preliminary report provided by FEMA for public review and comment that includes flood profiles, text, data tables and photographs. (Ord. 15051 § 84, 2004).
- **21A.06.900 Private.** Private: solely or primarily for the use of residents or occupants of the premises; e.g., a non-commercial garage used solely by residents or their guests is a private garage. (Ord. 10870 § 220, 1993).
- **21A.06.908 Processing operation, waste materials.** Processing operation waste materials: a site or establishment, accessory to mineral extraction or sawmill use, that is primarily engaged in crushing, grinding, pulverizing or otherwise preparing earth materials, vegetation, organic waste, construction and demolition materials or recycled and source separated nonhazardous waste materials and that is not the final disposal site. (Ord. 15032 § 7, 2004).
- **21A.06.910 Professional office.** Professional office: an office used as a place of business by licensed professionals, or persons in other generally recognized professions, which use training or knowledge of a technical, scientific or other academic discipline as opposed to manual skills, and which does not involve outside storage or fabrication, or on-site sale or transfer of commodities; including only the following SIC Major Group and Industry Nos.:
  - A. 64-Insurance Agents, Brokers and Service;
  - B. 653-Real Estate Agents and Directors;
  - C. 7291-Income Tax Return Preparation Services;
  - D. 81-Legal Services;
  - E. 871-Engineering, Architectural and Surveying Services;
  - F. 872-Accounting, Auditing and Bookkeeping Services; and
  - G. 874-Management and Public Relations Services. (Ord. 10870 § 222, 1993).
- **21A.06.913 Public Access.** Public access: the general public to reach, touch and enjoy the water's edge, to travel on the waters of the state and to view the water and the shoreline from adjacent locations. (Ord. 16985 § 86, 2010: Ord. 3688 § 201, 1978. Formerly K.C.C. 25.08.020).
- **21A.06.915 Public agency.** Public agency: any agency, political subdivision or unit of local government of this state including, but not limited to, municipal corporations, special purpose districts and local service districts, any agency of the State of Washington, the United States or any state thereof or any Indian tribe recognized as such by the federal government. (Ord. 10870 § 223, 1993).
- **21A.06.920 Public agency animal control facility.** Public agency animal control facility: a facility for the impoundment and disposal of stray or abandoned small animals. (Ord. 10870 § 224, 1993).

- **21A.06.925 Public agency archive.** Public agency archive: a facility for the enclosed storage of public agency documents or related materials, excluding storage of vehicles, equipment, or similar materials. (Ord. 10870 § 225, 1993).
- **21A.06.930** Public agency or utility office. Public agency or utility office: an office for the administration of any governmental or utility activity or program, with no outdoor storage and including, but not limited to uses located in SIC Major Group, Industry Group and Industry Nos.:
  - A. 91-Executive, Legislative, and General Government, except Finance;
  - B. 93-Public Finance, Taxation, and Monetary Policy;
  - C. 94-Administration of Human Resource Programs;
  - D. 95-Administration of Environmental Quality and Housing Program;
  - E. 96-Administration of Economic Programs;
  - F. 972-International Affairs;
  - G. 9222-Legal Counsel and Prosecution; and
  - H. 9229-Public Order and Safety. (Ord. 10870 § 226, 1993).
- **21A.06.935 Public agency or utility yard.** Public agency or utility yard: a facility for open or enclosed storage, repair, and maintenance of vehicles, equipment, or related materials, excluding document storage. (Ord. 10870 § 227, 1993).
- **21A.06.940** Public agency training facility. Public agency training facility: an establishment or school for training state and local law enforcement, fire safety, national guard or transit personnel and facilities including but not limited to:
  - A. Dining and overnight accommodations;
  - B. Classrooms;
  - C. Shooting ranges;
  - D. Auto test tracks; and
  - E. Fire suppression simulations. (Ord. 10870 § 228, 1993).
- **21A06.942 Public road right-of-way structure.** Public road right-of-way structure: the existing, maintained, improved road right-of-way, regional light rail transit or railroad or light rail transit prism and the roadway drainage features including ditches and the associated surface water conveyance system, flow control and water quality treatment facilities and other structures that are ancillary to those facilities including catch-basins, access holes and culverts. (Ord. 16985 § 118, 2010: Ord. 16267 § 16, 2008: Ord. 15051 § 86, 2004).
- **21A.06.943 Public transportation amenities.** Public transportation amenities: transfer of development rights (TDR) amenities financed by public transportation funds that shall provide transportation improvement or programs. (Ord. 14190 § 26, 2001: Ord. 13733 § 1, 2000).
- **21A.06.944 Puget Sound counties.** Puget Sound counties: the twelve counties that border the waters of Puget Sound. (Ord. 15032 § 8, 2004).
- **21A.06.945** Radio frequency. Radio frequency: the number of times the current from a given source of non-ionizing electromagnetic radiation changes from a maximum positive level through a maximum negative level and back to a maximum positive level in one second; measured in cycles per second or Hertz ("Hz"). (Ord. 10870 § 229, 1993).
- **21A.06.950** Reasonable use. Reasonable use: a legal concept articulated by federal and state courts in regulatory taking cases. (Ord. 10870 § 230, 1993).
- **21A.06.955** Receiving site. Receiving site: land for which allowable residential density is increased over the base density permitted by the underlying zone, by virtue of permanently securing and dedicating to King County, or another qualifying agency, the development potential of an associated sending site. (Ord. 10870 § 231, 1993).

21A.06.957 - 21A.06.974 ZONING

**21A.06.957 Reclamation.** Reclamation: the final grading and restoration of a site to reestablish the vegetative cover, soil stability and surface water conditions to accommodate and sustain all permitted uses of the site and to prevent and mitigate future environmental degradation. (Ord. 15051 § 87, 2004).

- **21A.06.958 Recreation, active.** Recreation, active: structured individual or team activity that requires the use of special facilities, courses, fields or equipment. Active recreation requires a significant level of development, use and programming. Active recreation includes, but is not limited to, organized sporting events, such as baseball, football, soccer, golf, hockey, tennis and skateboarding, and to large-scale group picnics, gatherings and social events. (Ord. 15606 § 8, 2006).
- **21A.06.9585** Recreation, passive. Recreation, passive: recreational activities that do not require prepared facilities like sports fields or pavilions. Passive recreational activities place minimal stress on a site's resources and are highly compatible with natural resource protection. Passive recreation include, but is not limited to, camping, hiking, wildlife viewing, observing and photographing nature, picnicking, walking, bird watching, historic and archaeological exploration, swimming, bicycling, running/jogging, climbing, horseback riding and fishing. (Ord. 15606 § 9, 2006).
- **21A.06.959** Recreation facilities, passive. Recreation facilities, passive: facilities to support passive recreation that do not involve significant levels of infrastructure or development, including, but not limited to, open fields, trails, children's play equipment and picnic sites for a small number of people. (Ord. 15606 § 10, 2006).
- **21A.06.960** Recreational vehicle ("RV"). Recreational vehicle ("RV"): a vehicle designed primarily for recreational camping, travel or seasonal use which has its own motive power or is mounted on or towed by another vehicle, including but not limited to:
  - A. Travel trailer;
  - B. Folding camping trailer;
  - C. Park trailer:
  - D. Truck camper;
  - E. Park trailer:
  - F. Motor home: and
  - G. Multi-use vehicle. (Ord. 10870 § 232, 1993).
- **21A.06.965** Recreational vehicle parks. Recreational vehicle parks: the use of land upon which two or more recreational vehicle sites, including hook up facilities, are located for occupancy by the general public of recreational vehicles as temporary living quarters for recreation or vacation purposes. (Ord. 10870 § 233, 1993).
- **21A.06.970** Recyclable material. Recyclable material: a non-toxic, recoverable substance that can be re-processed for the manufacture of new products. (Ord. 10870 § 234, 1993).
- **21A.06.971 Redesignation.** Redesignation: a change in the shoreline environment designation by the procedures provided in K.C.C. chapter 20.18. (Ord. 16985 § 88, 2010: Ord. 3688 § 237, 1978. Formerly K.C.C. 25.08.400).
- **21A.06.972** Reference evapotranspiration (Eto). Reference evapotranspiration (Eto): a standard measurement of environmental parameters which affect the water use of plants. (Ord. 11210 § 33, 1994).
- **21A.06.973** Regional light rail transit. Regional light rail transit: A public rail transit line that operates at grade level, above grade level or in a tunnel and that provides high capacity, regional transit service owned or operated by a regional transit authority authorized under chapter 81.112 RCW. A regional light rail transit system may be designed to share a street right-of-way although it may also use a separate right-of-way. (Ord. 16985 § 117, 2010).
- **21A.06.974** Regional road maintenance guidelines. Regional road maintenance guidelines: the National Marine Fisheries Service-published Regional Road Maintenance Endangered Species Act Program Guidelines. (Ord. 15051 § 88, 2004).

- **21A.06.980 Regional utility corridor.** Regional utility corridor: a right-of-way tract or easement other than a street right-of-way which contains transmission lines or pipelines for utility companies. Right-of-way tracts or easements containing lines serving individual lots or developments are not regional utility corridors. (Ord. 10870 § 236, 1993).
- **21A.06.985** Relocatable facilities cost per student. Relocatable facilities cost per student: the estimated cost of purchasing and siting a relocatable facility in a school district for the grade span of school to be provided, as a function of the district's facilities standard per grade span and taking into account the requirements of students with special needs. (Ord. 10870 § 237, 1993).
- **21A.06.990** Relocatable facility. Relocatable facility: any factory-built structure, transportable in one or more sections that is designed to be used as an education space and is needed to prevent the overbuilding of school facilities, to meet the needs of service areas within a district or to cover the gap between the time that families move into new residential developments and the date that construction is completed on permanent school facilities. (Ord. 10870 § 238, 1993).
- **21A.06.995** Relocation facilities. Relocation facilities: housing units within King County that provide housing to persons who have been involuntarily displaced from other housing units within King County as a result of conversion of their housing unit to other land uses. (Ord. 10870 § 239, 1993).
- **21A.06.997 Repair**. Repair: to fix or restore to sound condition after damage. "Repair" does not include replacement of structures or systems. (Ord. 15051 § 90, 2004).
- **21A.06.998 Replace.** Replace: to take or fill the place of a structure, fence, deck or paved surface with an equivalent or substitute structure, fence, deck or paved surface that serves the same purpose. "Replacement" may or may not involve an expansion. (Ord. 15051 § 91, 2004).
- **21A.06.1000 Restoration.** Restoration: for purposes of critical areas regulation, an action that reestablishes the structure and functions of a critical area or any associated buffer that has been altered. (Ord. 15051 § 92, 2004: Ord. 10870 § 240, 1993).
- **21A.06.1002 Resource land tract.** Resource land tract: a tract of land, created through a subdivision or short subdivision cluster development in the RA zone, that may be used as a working forest or farm. (Ord. 14045 § 9, 2001).
- **21A.06.1005** Retail, comparison. Retail, comparison: provides for the sale of comparison good and services and is centrally located in the community or region. (Ord. 10870 § 241, 1993).
- **21A.06.1010** Retail, convenience. Retail, convenience: provides for daily living goods, is easy to access and use and is close to residential neighborhoods. (Ord. 10870 § 242, 1993).
- **21A.06.10105** Retail nursery, garden center and farm supply store. Retail nursery, garden center and farm supply store: an establishment primarily engaged in retailing to the general public:
- A. Trees, shrubs, other plants, seeds, bulbs, mulches, soil conditioners, fertilizers, pesticides, garden tools, landscaping materials and other garden supplies; and
- B. Animal feeds, fertilizers, agricultural chemicals, pesticides, seeds and other farm supplies. (Ord. 15974 § 4, 2007).
- **21A.06.1011 Retaining wall.** Retaining wall: any wall used to resist the lateral displacement of any material. (Ord. 12987 § 2, 1998).
- **21A.06.1011A** Road amenities. Road amenities: transfer of development rights (TDR) amenities financed by road CIP or operating funds that shall provide transportation improvements or programs. (Ord. 14190 § 27, 2001: Ord. 13733 § 2, 2000).

- **21A.06.1011C Roadway.** Roadway: the maintained areas cleared and graded within a road right-of-way or railroad prism. For a road right-of-way, "roadway" includes all maintained and traveled areas, shoulders, pathways, sidewalks, ditches and cut and fill slopes. For a railroad prism, "roadway" includes the maintained railbed, shoulders, and cut and fill slopes. "Roadway" is equivalent to the "existing, maintained, improved road right-of-way or railroad prism" as defined in the regional road maintenance guidelines. (Ord. 15051 § 93, 2004).
- **21A.06.1012 Runoff.** Runoff: water not absorbed by the soil in the landscape area to which it is applied. (Ord. 11210 § 34, 1994).
- **21A.06.1013** Rural equestrian community trail. Rural equestrian community trail: an existing trail within the Equestrian Community, as mapped in the King County Comprehensive Plan, that has historically been used by the public for riding horses, and that may also have historically been used by or is suitable for use by other non-motorized trail users. (Ord. 14045 § 7, 2001).
- **21A.06.1014** Rural forest focus areas. Rural forest focus areas: Mapped geographic areas where special efforts to maintain forest cover and the practice of sustainable forestry are warranted. (Ord. 14045 § 8, 2001).
- **21A.06.1014F** Rural public infrastructure maintenance facility. Rural public infrastructure maintenance facility: a facility operated by a public agency primarily for the maintenance of public roads, parks, regional trails and other public infrastructure located outside of the urban growth area. Uses within the facility may include the following, if primarily devoted to rural public infrastructure maintenance:
  - A. Public agency office;
  - B. Public agency yard;
  - C. Materials processing facility;
  - D. Vactor waste receiving facility;
  - E. Sand and gravel extraction;
  - F. Soil recycling; and
  - G. Renewable energy facilities, such as solar panels and wind turbines. (Ord. 15938 § 1, 2007).
- **21A.06.1015** Salmonid. Salmonid: a member of the fish family Salmonidae, including, but not limited to:
  - A. Chinook, coho, chum, sockeye and pink salmon;
  - B. Rainbow, steelhead and cutthroat salmon, which are also known as trout;
  - C. Brown trout;
  - D. Brook, bull trout, which is also known as char, and Dolly Varden char;
  - E. Kokanee: and
  - F. Pygmy whitefish. (Ord. 15051 § 94, 2004: Ord. 10870 § 243, 1993).
- **21A.06.1020** School bus base. School bus base: an establishment for the storage, dispatch, repair and maintenance of coaches and other vehicles of a school transit system. (Ord. 10870 § 244, 1993).
- **21A.06.1025 School district.** School district: any school district in King County whose boundaries include unincorporated areas of the county. (Ord. 10870 § 245, 1993).
- **21A.06.1030** School district support facility. School district support facility: uses (excluding schools and bus bases) that are required for the operation of a school district. This term includes school district administrative offices, centralized kitchens, and maintenance or storage facilities. (Ord. 10870 § 246, 1993).
- **21A.06.1035** Schools, elementary, and middle/junior high. Schools, elementary, and middle/junior high: institutions of learning offering instruction in the several branches of learning and study required by the Education Code of the State of Washington in grades kindergarten through nine, including associated meeting rooms, auditoriums and athletic facilities. (Ord. 10870 § 247, 1993).

- **21A.06.1040** Schools, secondary or high school. Schools, secondary or high school: institutions of learning offering instruction in the several branches of learning and study required by the Education Code of the State of Washington in grades nine through twelve, including associated meeting rooms, auditoriums and athletic facilities. (Ord. 10870 § 248, 1993).
- **21A.06.1043** Secure community transition facility ("SCTF"). Secure community transition facility ("SCFT"): A facility for persons civilly committed and conditionally released to a less restrictive alternative in accordance with chapter 71.09 RCW. A secure community transition facility has supervision and security, and either provides or ensures the provision of sex offender treatment services. (Ord. 14503 § 2, 2002).
- **21A.06.1045 Seismic hazard area.** Seismic hazard area: an area subject to severe risk of earthquake damage from seismically induced settlement or lateral spreading as a result of soil liquefaction in an area underlain by cohesionless soils of low density and usually in association with a shallow groundwater table. (Ord. 15051 § 95, 2004: Ord. 10870 § 249, 1993).
- **21A.06.1050 Self-service storage facility.** Self-service storage facility: an establishment containing separate storage spaces that are leased or rented as individual units. (Ord. 10870 § 250, 1993).
- **21A.06.1055 Sending site.** Sending site: land designated in K.C.C. 21A.36 as capable of providing a public benefit if permanently protected by virtue of having its zoned development potential transferred to another property. (Ord. 10870 § 251, 1993).
- **21A.06.1060 Senior citizen.** Senior citizen: a person aged 62 or older. (Ord. 11157 § 8, 1993: Ord. 10870 § 252, 1993).
- **21A.06.1062 Senior citizen assisted housing.** Senior citizen assisted housing: housing in a building consisting of two or more dwelling units or sleeping units restricted to occupancy by at least one senior citizen per unit, and may include the following support services, as deemed necessary:
  - A. Food preparation and dining areas;
  - B. Group activity areas;
  - C. Medical supervision; and
- D. Similar activities. (Ord. 11157 § 9, 1993: Ord. 10870 § 634 (part), 1993 [Originally Ord. 10870 § 112]).
- **21A.06.1070 Setback.** Setback: the minimum required distance between a structure and a specified line such as a lot, easement or buffer line that is required to remain free of structures. (Ord. 10870 § 254, 1993).
- **21A.06.1075** Shelters for temporary placement. Shelters for temporary placement: housing units within King County that provide housing to persons on a temporary basis for a duration not to exceed four weeks. (Ord. 10870 § 255, 1993).
- **21A.06.1080 Shooting range.** Shooting range: a facility designed to provide a confined space for safe target practice with firearms, archery equipment, or other weapons. (Ord. 10870 § 256, 1993).
- **21A.06.1081 Shorelands.** Shorelands: areas landward of the ordinary high water mark along shorelines extending landward two hundred feet, and also including:
  - A. The one hundred year floodplain;
  - B. All associated wetlands: and
  - C. All river deltas. (Ord. 16985 § 89, 2010).
- **21A.06.1082 Shoreline.** Shoreline: those lands defined as shorelines of the state in the Shorelines Management Act of 1971, chapter 90.58 RCW. (Ord. 15051 § 97, 2004).

- **21A.06.1082A Shoreline management conditional use.** Shoreline conditional use: a shoreline use that is allowed only if it meets the criteria established in K.C.C. 25.32.050, as recodified by Ordinance 16985\*, and is subject to conditions of approval. (Ord. 16985 § 91, 2010: Ord. 3688 § 247, 1978. Formerly K.C.C. 25.08.460).
- \*Reviser's note: K.C.C. 25.32.080 was repealed by Ordinance 16985, Section 137.
- **21A.06.1082B Shoreline jurisdiction.** Shoreline jurisdiction: shorelines and shorelands in unincorporated King County. (Ord. 16985 § 92, 2010).
- **21A.06.1082C** Shoreline protection. Shoreline stabilization: a structure or device, including, but not limited to, breakwaters, bulkheads, jetties, groins and riprap, that is placed so as to prevent erosion or to alter the normal currents, wave actions or other natural forces or actions of a waterbody. Shoreline stabilization does not include flood protection facilities. (Ord. 16985 § 94, 2010: Ord. 3688 § 251, 1978. Formerly K.C.C. 25.08.480).
- **21A.06.1082D Shoreline variance.** Shoreline variance: an adjustment in the application of the regulations of the shoreline management master program consistent with WAC [173-14]\* and K.C.C. 21A.44.090. (Ord. 16985 § 96, 2010: Ord. 3688 § 248, 1978. Formerly K.C.C. 25.08.470).
- \*Reviser's note: This language was changed to 173-27-170 in Ordinance 16985, Section 96, but the changes were not indicated as required under K.C.C. 1.24.075.
- **21A.06.1083 Shorelines.** Shorelines: all marine waters, lakes greater than twenty acres and rivers and streams with a minimum of twenty cubic feet per second mean annual flow. (Ord. 16985 § 98, 2010: Ord. 3688 § 246, 1978. Formerly K.C.C. 25.08.490).
- **21A.06.1083A Shorelines of statewide significance.** Shorelines of statewide significance: those shorelines described in RCW 90.58.030(2)(e) that are within the unincorporated portion of King County. (Ord. 16985 § 100, 2010: Ord. 3688 § 249, 1978. Formerly K.C.C. 25.08.510).
- **21A.06.1084 Side channel.** Side channel: a channel that is secondary to and carries water to or from the main channel of a stream or the main body of a lake or estuary, including a back-watered channel or area and oxbow channel that is still connected to a stream by one or more aboveground channel connections or by inundation at the base flood. (Ord. 15051 § 98, 2004).
- **21A.06.1085 Sign.** Sign: any device, structure, fixture, or placard that is visible from a public right-of-way or surrounding properties and uses graphics, symbols, or written copy for the purpose of advertising or identifying any establishment, product, goods, or service. (Ord. 10870 § 257, 1993).
- **21A.06.1090 Sign, awning.** Sign, awning: a sign painted on or attached directly to and supported by an awning. An awning may be constructed of rigid or non-rigid materials and may be retractable or non-retractable. (Ord. 13014 § 1, 1998: Ord. 10870 § 258, 1993).
- **21A.06.1095 Sign, changing message center.** Sign, changing message center: an electrically controlled sign that contains advertising messages that changes more frequently than once every three minutes. (Ord. 16267 § 15, 2008: Ord. 10870 § 259, 1993).
- **21A.06.1100 Sign, community bulletin board.** Sign, community bulletin board: a permanent sign used to notify the public of community events and public services, and which contains no commercial advertising. (Ord. 10870 § 260, 1993).
- **21A.06.1105 Sign, directional.** Sign, directional: a sign designed to guide or direct pedestrian or vehicular traffic to an area, place or convenience, and may include incidental graphics such as trade names and trademarks. (Ord. 10870 § 261, 1993).

- **21A.06.1110 Sign, freestanding.** Sign, freestanding: a sign standing directly upon the ground or having one or more supports standing directly upon the ground, and being detached from any building or fence. (Ord. 10870 § 262, 1993).
- **21A.06.1115** Sign, fuel price. Sign, fuel price: a sign utilized to advertise the price of gasoline and/or diesel fuel. (Ord. 10870 § 263, 1993).
- **21A.06.1120 Sign, incidental.** Sign, incidental: a sign, emblem or decal designed to inform the public of goods, facilities, or services available on the premises, and may include but not limited to signs designating:
  - A. Restrooms;
  - B. Hours of operation;
  - C. Acceptable credit cards;
  - D. Property ownership or management;
  - E. Phone booths; and
  - F. Recycling containers. (Ord. 10870 § 264, 1993).
- **21A.06.1125 Sign, indirectly illuminated.** Sign, indirectly illuminated: a sign that is illuminated entirely from an external artificial source. (Ord. 10870 § 265, 1993).
- **21A.06.1130 Sign, monument.** Sign, monument: a freestanding sign that is above ground level and is anchored to the ground by a solid base, with no open space between the sign and the ground. (Ord. 10870 § 266, 1993).
- **21A.06.1135 Sign, off-premise directional.** Sign, off-premise directional: a sign which contains no advertising of a commercial nature which is used to direct pedestrian or vehicular traffic circulation to a facility, service or business located on other premises within six hundred and sixty feet of the sign. (Ord. 10870 § 267, 1993).
- **21A.06.1140 Sign, on-premise.** Sign, on-premise: a sign which displays a message which is incidental to and directly associated with the use of the property on which it is located. (Ord. 10870 § 268, 1993).
- **21A.06.1145 Sign, permanent residential development identification.** Sign, permanent residential development identification: a permanent sign identifying the residential development upon which the sign is located. (Ord. 10870 § 269, 1993).
- **21A.06.1150 Sign, portable.** Sign, portable: a sign which is capable of being moved and is not permanently affixed to the ground, a structure or building. (Ord. 10870 § 270, 1993).
- **21A.06.1155 Sign, projecting.** Sign, projecting: any sign which is attached to and supported by the exterior wall of a building with the exposed face of the sign on a plane perpendicular to the wall of the building; projecting more than one foot from the wall of a building and vertical to the ground. (Ord. 13014 § 2, 1998: Ord. 10870 § 271, 1993).
- **21A.06.1160 Sign, time and temperature.** Sign, time and temperature: an electrically controlled sign that contains messages for date, time, and temperature, which changes at intervals of one minute or less. (Ord. 10870 § 272, 1993).
- **21A.06.1165 Sign, wall.** Sign, wall: any sign painted on, or attached directly to and supported by, a building or structure; with the exposed face of the sign on a plane parallel to the portion of the building or structure to which it is attached; projecting no more than one foot from the building or structure; including window signs which are permanently attached. (Ord. 13014 § 3, 1998: Ord. 10870 § 273, 1993).

- **21A.06.1167 Significant tree:** an existing healthy tree that is not a hazard tree (i.e. a tree that does not have a high probability of imminently falling due to a debilitating disease or structural defect) and that, when measured four and one-half feet above grade, has a minimum diameter of:
  - A. Eight inches for evergreen trees; or
  - B. Twelve inches for deciduous trees. (Ord. 13576 § 1, 1999).
- **21A.06.1170 Site.** Site: A single lot, or two or more contiguous lots that are under common ownership or documented legal control, used as a single parcel for a development proposal in order to calculate compliance with the standards and regulations of this title. (Ord. 11922 § 2, 1995).
- **21A.06.1172 Site area.** Site area: the total horizontal area of a project site. (Ord. 15051 § 99, 2004: Ord. 11555 § 1, 1994).
- **21A.06.1175** Site cost per student. Site cost per student: the estimated cost of a site in the district for the grade span of school to be provided, as a function of the district's facilities standard per grade span and taking into account the requirements of students with special needs. (Ord. 10870 § 275, 1993).
- **21A.06.1177 SITUS File.** SITUS File: information on an individual parcel of land, including its size, known extent of existing development, known environmental constraints, approval conditions and other site-specific information, contained in the computerized permitting and land parcel data base of the department of development and environmental services or its successor agencies. (Ord. 11621 § 28, 1994).
- **21A.06.1180 Ski area.** Ski area: an establishment for cross-country or downhill ski runs and including, but not limited to:
  - A. Chair lifts:
  - B. Warming huts; and
  - C. Supporting services. (Ord. 10870 § 276, 1993).
- **21A.06.1182 Slope.** Slope: an inclined ground surface, the inclination of which is expressed as a ratio of horizontal distance to vertical distance. (Ord. 16267 § 17, 2008: Ord. 15051 § 100, 2004).
- **21A.06.1185** Soil recycling facility. Soil recycling facility: an establishment engaged in the collection, storage and treatment of contaminated soils to remove and reuse organic contaminants. (Ord. 10870 § 277, 1993).
- **21A.06.1190** Source-separated organic material. Source-separated organic material: vegetative material, scrap lumber or wood, or other materials that provide a source for recycled or composted products. This does not include chemically treated wood products and/or toxic organic substances. (Ord. 10870 § 278, 1993).
- **21A.06.1195** Special use permit. Special use permit: a permit granted by the County to locate a regional land use at a particular location, subject to conditions placed on the proposed use to ensure compatibility with adjacent land uses. (Ord. 10870 § 279, 1993).
- **21A.06.1200 Specialized instruction school.** Specialized instruction school: establishments engaged in providing specialized instruction in a designated field of study, rather than a full range of courses in unrelated areas; including, but not limited to:
  - A. Art;
  - B. Dance;
  - C. Music:
  - D. Cooking; and
  - E. Driving. (Ord. 15032 § 9, 2004: Ord. 10870 § 280, 1993).
- **21A.06.1205** Specified sexual activities. Specified sexual activities: human genitalia in a state of sexual stimulation or arousal; acts of human masturbation, sexual intercourse or sodomy; or erotic fondling, touching or display of human genitalia, pubic region, buttock, or female breast. (Ord. 10870 § 281, 1993).

- **21A.06.1210 Sporting goods store.** Sporting goods store: an establishment engaged in the retail sale of sporting goods and equipment, including only uses located in SIC Industry Nos.:
  - A. 5941-Sporting Goods Stores and Bicycle Shops; and
  - B. 5999-Tent Shops and Trophy Shops. (Ord. 10870 § 282, 1993).
- **21A.06.1215 Sports club.** Sports club: an establishment engaged in operating physical fitness facilities and sports and recreation clubs, including only uses located in SIC Industry Nos.:
  - A. 7991-Physical Fitness Facilities; and
  - B. 7997-Membership Sports and Recreation Clubs. (Ord. 10870 § 283, 1993).
  - 21A.06.1220 Stable. Stable: a structure or facility in which horses or other livestock are kept for:
  - A. Boarding;
  - B. Training;
  - C. Riding lessons;
  - D. Breeding;
  - E. Rental; or
  - F. Personal use. (Ord. 10870 § 284, 1993).
- 21A.06.1225 Standard of service, school districts. Standard of service, school districts: the standard adopted by each school district which identifies the program year, the class size by grade span and taking into account the requirements of students with special needs, the number of classrooms, the types of facilities the district believes will best serve its student population, and other factors as identified by the school district. The district's standard of service shall not be adjusted for any portion of the classrooms housed in relocatable facilities which are used as transitional facilities or for any specialized facilities housed in relocatable facilities. Except as otherwise defined by the school board pursuant to a board resolution, transitional facilities shall mean those facilities that are used to cover the time required for the construction of permanent facilities; provided that, the "necessary financial commitments" as defined in Section 21A.28 are in place to complete the permanent facilities called for in the capital plan. (Ord. 10870 § 285, 1993).
- **21A.06.1230 Steep slope hazard area.** Steep slope hazard area: an area on a slope of forty percent inclination or more within a vertical elevation change of at least ten feet. For the purpose of this definition, a slope is delineated by establishing its toe and top and is measured by averaging the inclination over at least ten feet of vertical relief. Also for the purpose of this definition:
- A. The "toe" of a slope means a distinct topographic break in slope that separates slopes inclined at less than forty percent from slopes inclined at forty percent or more. Where no distinct break exists, the "toe" of a slope is the lower most limit of the area where the ground surface drops ten feet or more vertically within a horizontal distance of twenty five feet; and
- B. The "top" of a slope is a distinct topographic break in slope that separates slopes inclined at less than forty percent from slopes inclined at forty percent or more. Where no distinct break exists, the "top" of a slope is the upper-most limit of the area where the ground surface drops ten feet or more vertically within a horizontal distance of twenty-five feet. (Ord. 15051 § 101, 2004: Ord. 10870 § 286, 1993).
- **21A.06.1235 Stream functions.** Stream functions: natural processes performed by streams including functions which are important in facilitating food chain production, providing habitat for nesting, rearing and resting sites for aquatic, terrestrial and avian species, maintaining the availability and quality of water, such as purifying water, acting as recharge and discharge areas for groundwater aquifers, moderating surface and storm water flows and maintaining the free flowing conveyance of water, sediments and other organic matter. (Ord. 10870 § 287, 1993).
- **21A.06.1240 Stream.** Stream: an aquatic area where surface water produces a channel, not including a wholly artificial channel, unless it is:
  - A. Used by salmonids; or
- B. Used to convey a stream that occurred naturally before construction of the artificial channel. (Ord. 15051 § 102, 2004: Ord. 10870 § 288, 1993).

**21A.06.1245 Street.** Street: a public or recorded private thoroughfare providing pedestrian and vehicular access through neighborhoods and communities and to abutting property. (Ord. 10870 § 289, 1993).

- **21A.06.1250 Street frontage.** Street frontage: any portion of a lot or combination of lots which directly abut a public right-of-way. (Ord. 10870 § 290, 1993).
- **21A.06.1255 Structure.** Structure: anything permanently constructed in or on the ground, or over the water; excluding fences six feet or less in height, decks less than 18 inches above grade, paved areas, and structural or non-structural fill. (Ord. 12987 § 3, 1998: Ord. 10870 § 291, 1993).
- **21A.06.1260 Student factor.** Student factor: the number derived by a school district to describe how many students of each grade span are expected to be generated by a dwelling unit. Student factors shall be based on district records of average actual student generated rates for new developments constructed over a period of not more than five years prior to the date of the fee calculation; if such information is not available in the district, data from adjacent districts, districts with similar demographics, or county wide averages must be used. Student factors must be separately determined for single family and multifamily dwelling units, and for grade spans. (Ord. 10870 § 292, 1993).
- **21A.06.1263 Subdivision or subdivision, residential.** Subdivision or subdivision, residential: Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, includes a subdivision as defined in K.C.C. 19A.04.320 and a short subdivision as defined K.C.C. 19A.04.310. (Ord. 16950 § 13, 2010).
- **21A.06.1265** Submerged land. Submerged land: any land at or below the ordinary high water mark of an aquatic area. (Ord. 15051 § 103, 2004: Ord. 10870 § 293, 1993).
- **21A.06.1268 Substantial development.** Substantial development: any development that requires a shoreline management substantial development permit, as defined in RCW 90.58.030(3)(e). (Ord. 16985 § 102, 2010: Ord. 3688 § 255, 1978. Formerly K.C.C. 25.08.570).

## **21A.06.1270 Substantial improvement.** Substantial improvement:

- A.1. Any maintenance, repair, structural modification, addition or other improvement of a structure, the cost of which equals or exceeds fifty percent of the market value of the structure either:
  - a. before the improvement or repair is started; or
  - b. if the structure has been damaged and is being restored, before the damage occurred.
- 2. For purposes of this definition, the cost of any improvement is considered to begin when the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, floor or other structural part of the building begins, whether or not that alteration affects the external dimensions of the structure; and
  - B. Does not include either:
- 1. Any projects for improvement of a structure to correct existing violations of state or local health, sanitary or safety code specifications that have been identified by the local code enforcement official and that are the minimum necessary to ensure safe living conditions; or
- 2. any alteration of a structure listed on the national Register of Historic Places or a state or local inventory of historic resources. (Ord. 15051 § 104, 2004: Ord. 10870 § 294, 1993).
- **21A.06.1271 Surface water conveyance.** Surface water conveyance: a drainage facility designed to collect, contain and provide for the flow of surface water from the highest point on a development site to receiving water or another discharge point, connecting any required flow control and water quality treatment facilities along the way. "Surface water conveyance" includes but is not limited to, gutters, ditches, pipes, biofiltration swales and channels. (Ord. 15051 § 105, 2004).
- **21A.06.1272 Surface water discharge.** Surface water discharge: the flow of surface water into receiving water or another discharge point. (Ord. 15051 § 106, 2004).
- **21A.06.1273 TDR.** TDR transfer of development rights. (Ord. 14190 § 28, 2001: Ord. 13733 § 3, 2000).

- **21A.06.1273A TDR amenities.** TDR amenities: improvements or programs that are implemented to facilitate increased densities on or near receiving sites inside cities or in the urban unincorporated area. (Ord. 14190 § 29, 2001: Ord. 13733 § 4, 2000).
- **21A.06.1273B TDR bank fund.** TDR bank fund: the fund established under K.C.C. 4.08.327. (Ord. 14190 § 30, 2001: Ord. 13733 § 5, 2000).
- **21A.06.1273C TDR conversion ratio.** TDR conversion ratio: the ratio by which development rights purchased from a sending site are converted into additional development capacity for use on a receiving site. (Ord. 14190 § 31, 2001: Ord. 13733 § 6, 2000).
- **21A.06.1273D TDR executive board.** TDR executive board: the board established K.C.C. chapter 21A.37. (Ord. 14190 § 32, 2001: Ord. 13733 § 7, 2000).
- **21A.06.1274 TDR extinguishment document.** TDR extinguishment document: a document prepared by King County and signed and recorded by the owner of transfer of development rights (TDR) that documents the transfer of development rights from one property to another and permanently prohibits any future use of these rights. (Ord. 14190 § 20, 2001).
- **21A.06.1275 Temporary use permit.** Temporary use permit: permit to allow a use of limited duration and/or frequency, or to allow multiple related events over a specified period. (Ord. 10870 § 295, 1993).
- **21A.06.1277 Theater.** Theater: an establishment primarily engaged in the indoor exhibition of motion pictures or of live theatrical presentations. (Ord. 13022 § 5, 1998).
- **21A.06.1278** Theatrical production services. Theatrical production services: an establishment engaged in uses located in SIC Industry No. 792 Theatrical Producers (Except Motion Picture), Bands, Orchestras, and Entertainers, except establishments primarily engaged in providing live theatrical presentations, such as road companies and summer theaters. (Ord. 13022 § 6, 1998).
- **21A.06.1280 Tightline sewer.** Tightline sewer: a sewer trunk line designed and intended specifically to serve only a particular facility or place, and whose pipe diameter should be sized appropriately to ensure service only to that facility or place. It may occur outside the local service area for sewers, but does not amend the local service area. (Ord. 10870 § 296, 1993).
- **21A.06.1285** Trails: man-made pathways designed and intended for use by pedestrians, bicyclists, equestrians, and other nonmotorized recreational users. (Ord. 16267 § 18, 2008: Ord. 10870 § 297, 1993).
- **21A.06.1290 Transfer station.** Transfer station: a staffed collection and transportation facility used by private individuals and route collection vehicles to deposit solid waste collected off-site into larger transfer vehicles for transport to permanent disposal sites; and may also include recycling facilities involving collection or processing for shipment. (Ord. 10870 § 298, 1993).
- **21A.06.1295 Transit base.** Transit base: an establishment for the storage, dispatch, repair and maintenance of coaches, light rail trains, and other vehicles of a public transit system. (Ord. 10870 § 299, 1993).
- **21A.06.1305** Transitional housing facilities. Transitional housing facilities: housing units within King County owned by public housing authorities, nonprofit organizations or other public interest groups that provide housing to persons on a temporary basis for a duration not to exceed 24 months in conjunction with job training, self sufficiency training, and human services counseling; the purpose of which is to help persons make the transition from homelessness to placement in permanent housing. (Ord. 10870 § 301, 1993).

- **21A.06.1310 Transmission equipment.** Transmission equipment: equipment, such as antennae and satellite, or point-to-point microwave dishes, that transmit or receive radio signals. (Ord. 10870 § 302, 1993).
- **21A.06.1315** Transmission line booster station. Transmission line booster station: an establishment containing equipment designed to increase voltage of electrical power transported through transmission and/or distribution lines to compensate for power loss due to resistance. (Ord. 10870 § 303, 1993).
- **21A.06.1320** Transmission support structure. Transmission support structure: a pole or latticework structure specifically designed and intended to support antenna and related communication equipment. The term does not include poles or lattice-work towers supporting above-ground distribution or transmission lines for utility services such as electric, telephone, cable, etc. (Ord. 13129 § 19, 1998: Ord. 10870 § 304, 1993).
- **21A.06.1325 Transmitter building.** Transmitter building: building used to contain communication transmission equipment. (Ord. 10870 § 305, 1993).
- **21A.06.1330** Transportation system management ("TSM"). Transportation System Management ("TSM"): low-cost projects that can be implemented in a short time frame designed to increase the efficiency of existing transportation facilities. This also includes transit and/or ride sharing measures to decrease single occupancy vehicle trips. (Ord. 10870 § 306, 1993).
- **21A.06.1331 Tree, hazard.** Tree, hazard: any tree with a structural defect, combination of defects or disease resulting in structural defect that, under the normal range of environmental conditions at the site, will result in the loss of a major structural component of that tree in a manner that will:
- A. Damage a residential structure or accessory structure, place of employment or public assembly or approved parking for a residential structure or accessory structure or place of employment or public assembly:
  - B. Damage an approved road or utility facility; or
  - C. Prevent emergency access in the case of medical hardship. (Ord. 15051 § 107, 2004).
- **21A.06.1332 Trough subsidence.** Trough subsidence: a readily predictable or historically observed surface depression phenomena caused by coal extraction which is generally characterized by a gentle and continuous dish shape which may extend beyond the subsurface area in which coal mining has occurred. (Ord. 13319 § 5, 1998).
- **21A.06.1335 Ultimate roadway section.** Ultimate roadway section: a designation by King County that the maximum roadway or intersection capacity has been reached and further right-of-way acquisition and/or improvements are not feasible to increase peak hour vehicle capacity. (Ord. 10870 § 307, 1993).
- **21A.06.1340 Urban Plan Development (UPD).** Urban Plan Development: a site specific project consisting of conceptual site plan(s), development standards, processing and other elements. (Ord. 10870 § 308, 1993).
- **21A.06.1345** Use. Use: activity or function carried out on an area of land, or in a building or structure located thereon. Any use subordinate or incidental to the primary use on a site is considered an accessory use. (Ord. 10870 § 309, 1993).
- **21A.06.1348 Utility corridor.** Utility corridor: a narrow strip of land containing underground or above-ground utilities and the area necessary to maintain those utilities. A "utility corridor" is contained within and is a portion of any utility right-of-way or dedicated easement. (Ord. 15051 § 108, 2004).

- **21A.06.1350 Utility facility.** Utility facility: a facility for the distribution or transmission of services, including:
  - A. Telephone exchanges;
  - B. Water pipelines, pumping or treatment stations;
  - C. Electrical substations;
  - D. Water storage reservoirs or tanks;
  - E. Municipal groundwater well-fields;
  - F. Regional surface water flow control and water quality facilities;
  - G. Natural gas pipelines, gate stations and limiting stations;
- H. Propane, compressed natural gas and liquefied natural gas storage tanks serving multiple lots or uses from which fuel is distributed directly to individual users;
  - I. Wastewater pipelines, lift stations, pump stations, regulator stations or odor control facilities; and
- J. Communication cables, electrical wires and associated structural supports. (Ord. 15051 § 109, 2004: Ord. 10870 § 310, 1993).
- **21A.06.1352 Vactor waste.** Vactor waste means liquid or solid waste material collected from catch basins, retention/detention facilities or drainage pipes. (Ord. 12018 § 1, 1995).
- **21A.06.1353** Vactor waste receiving facility. Vactor waste receiving facility means a facility where vactor waste is brought for treatment and storage prior to final disposal. (Ord. 12018 § 2, 1995).
- **21A.06.1355 Variance.** Variance: an adjustment in the application of standards of a zoning code to a particular property. (Ord. 10870 § 311, 1993).
- **21A.06.1360 Vegetation.** Vegetation: any and all plant life growing at, below or above the soil surface. (Ord. 10870 § 312, 1993).
- **21A.06.1365 Vocational school.** Vocational school: establishments offering training in a skill or trade to be pursued as a career, including only uses located in SIC Industry Group No.:
  - A. 824-Vocational Schools; and
  - B. 8222-Technical Institutes. (Ord. 10870 § 313, 1993).
- **21A.06.1370 Volcanic hazard area.** Volcanic hazard area: an area subject to inundation by mudflows, lahars or related flooding resulting from volcanic activity on Mount Rainier, delineated based on recurrence of an event equal in magnitude to the prehistoric Electron mudflow. (Ord. 15051 § 110, 2004: Ord. 10870 § 314, 1993).
- **21A.06.1375 Warehousing and wholesale trade.** Warehousing and wholesale trade: establishments involved in the storage and/or sale of bulk goods for resale or assembly, excluding establishments offering the sale of bulk goods to the general public which is classified as a retail use in K.C.C. 21A.08.070. These establishments shall include only SIC Major Group Nos. 50 and 51 and SIC Industry Group Nos. 422 and 423. (Ord. 10870 § 315, 1993).
- **21A.06.1380** Wastewater treatment facility. Wastewater treatment facility: a plant for collection, decontamination and disposal of sewage, including residential, industrial and agricultural liquid wastes, and including any physical improvement within the scope of the definition of "water pollution control facility" set forth in WAC 173-90-015(4) as amended. (Ord. 10870 § 316, 1993).
- **21A.06.1382** Water budget. Water budget: the upper limit of irrigation water applied to the established landscape area. (Ord. 11210 § 35, 1994).
- **21A.06.1385** Water dependent use. Water dependent use: a land use which can only exist when the interface between wet meadows, grazed land and water provides the biological or physical conditions necessary for the use. (Ord. 10870 § 317, 1993).

- **21A.06.1385A Water dependent use.** Water dependent use: a principal use or portion of a use that cannot in a location that is not adjacent to the water and that is dependent on the water by reason of the intrinsic nature of its operation. (Ord. 16985 § 104, 2010: Ord. 3688 § 257, 1978. Formerly K.C.C. 25.08.590).
- **21A.06.1386** Water enjoyment use. Water enjoyment use: a recreational use or other use that facilitates public access to the shoreline as a primary characteristic of the use; or a use that provides for recreational use or aesthetic enjoyment of the shoreline for a substantial number of people as a general characteristic of the use and which through location, design and operation ensures the public's ability to enjoy the physical and aesthetic qualities of the shoreline. A water enjoyment use must be open to the general public and the shoreline-oriented space within the project must be devoted to the specific aspects of the use that fosters shoreline enjoyment. (Ord. 16985 § 105, 2010).
- **21A.06.1388 Water oriented use.** Water oriented use: a use that is water dependent, water related or water enjoyment, or a combination of such uses. (Ord. 16985 § 106, 2010).
- **21A.06.1389 Water related use.** Water related use: a use or portion of a use that is not intrinsically dependent on a waterfront location but whose economic viability is dependent upon a waterfront location because:
- A. The use has functional requirement for a waterfront location, such as the arrival or shipment of materials by water or the need for large quantities of water; or
- B. The use provides a necessary service supportive of the water-dependent uses and the proximity of the use to its customers makes it services less expensive or more convenient, or both. (Ord. 16985 § 108, 2010: Ord. 3688 § 258, 1978. Formerly K.C.C. 25.08.600).
- **21A.06.1390** Wet meadow, grazed or tilled. Wet meadow, grazed or tilled: an emergent wetland that has grasses, sedges, rushes or other herbaceous vegetation as its predominant vegetation and has been previously converted to agricultural activities. (Ord. 15051 § 111, 2004: Ord. 10870 § 318, 1993).
- **21A.06.1391 Wetland.** Wetland: an area that is not an aquatic area and that is inundated or saturated by ground or surface water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and under normal circumstances supports, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions. For purposes of this definition:
- A. Wetlands shall be delineated using the wetland delineation manual required by RCW 36.70A.175; and
- B. Except for artificial features intentionally made for the purpose of mitigation, "wetland" does not include an artificial feature made from a nonwetland area, which may include, but is not limited to:
  - 1. A surface water conveyance for drainage or irrigation;
  - 2. A grass-lined swale;
  - 3. A canal;
  - 4. A flow control facility;
  - 5. A wastewater treatment facility;
  - 6. A farm pond;
  - 7. A wetpond;
  - 8. Landscape amenities; or
- 9. A wetland created after July 1, 1990, that was unintentionally made as a result of construction of a road, street or highway. (Ord. 16985 § 119, 2010: Ord. 15051 § 119, 2004: Ord. 12122 § 1, 1996: Ord. 11621 § 34, 1994: 10870 § 323, 1993).

- **21A.06.1392 Wetland complex.** Wetland complex: a grouping of two or more wetlands, not including grazed wet meadows, that meet the following criteria:
- A. Each wetland included in the complex is within five hundred feet of the delineated edge of at least one other wetland in the complex;
  - B. The complex includes at least:
  - 1. one wetland classified category I or II;
  - 2. three wetlands classified category III; or
  - 3. four wetlands classified category IV;
- C. The area between each wetland and at least one other wetland in the complex is predominately vegetated with shrubs and trees; and
- D. There are not any barriers to migration or dispersal of amphibian, reptile or mammal species that are commonly recognized to exclusively or partially use wetlands and wetland buffers during a critical life cycle stage, such as breeding, rearing or feeding. (Ord. 15051 § 112, 2004).
- **21A.06.1393 Wetland creation.** Wetland creation: For purposes of wetland mitigation, the manipulation of the physical, chemical or biological characteristics present to develop a wetland on an upland or deepwater site, where a wetland did not previously exist. Activities to create a wetland typically involve excavation of upland soils to elevations that will produce a wetland hydroperiod, create hydric soils and support the growth of hydrophytic plant species. Wetland creation results in a gain in wetland acres. (Ord. 15051 § 113, 2004).
- **21A.06.1395 Wetland edge.** Wetland edge: the line delineating the outer edge of a wetland, consistent with the wetland delineation manual required by RCW 36.70A.175. (Ord. 15051 § 114, 2004: Ord. 11977 § 1, 1995: Ord. 10870 § 319, 1993).
- **21A.06.1397 Wetland enhancement.** Wetland enhancement: The manipulation of the physical, chemical, or biological characteristics of a wetland site to heighten, intensify or improve specific functions or to change the growth state or composition of the vegetation present. Enhancement is undertaken for specified purposes such as water quality improvement, flood water retention or wildlife habitat. Wetland enhancement activities typically consist of planting vegetation, controlling nonnative or invasive species, modifying site elevations or the proportion of open water to influence hydroperiods or some combination of these. Wetland enhancement results in a change in some wetland functions and can lead to a decline in other wetland functions, but does not result in a gain in wetland acres. (Ord. 15051 § 115, 2004).
- **21A.06.1400 Wetland, forested.** Wetland, forested: a wetland that is dominated by mature woody vegetation or a wetland vegetation class that is characterized by woody vegetation at least twenty feet tall. (Ord. 15051 § 116, 2004: Ord. 10870 § 320, 1993).
- **21A.06.1405 Wetland functions.** Wetland functions: natural processes performed by wetlands including functions which are important in facilitating food chain production, providing habitat for nesting, rearing and resting sites for aquatic, terrestrial and avian species, maintaining the availability and quality of water, acting as recharge and discharge areas for groundwater aquifers and moderating surface and storm water flows, as well as performing other functions including, but not limited to, those set forth in 33 CFR 320.4(b)(2), 1988. (Ord. 10870 § 321, 1993).
- **21A.06.1414 Wetland reestablishment.** Wetland reestablishment: For purposes of wetland mitigation, the manipulation of the physical, chemical, or biological characteristics of a site with the goal of returning natural or historic functions to a former wetland. Activities to reestablish a wetland include removing fill material, plugging ditches, or breaking drain tiles. Wetland reestablishment results in a gain in wetland acres. (Ord. 15051 § 120, 2004).
- **21A.06.1416 Wetland rehabilitation.** Wetland rehabilitation: For purposes of wetland mitigation, the manipulation of the physical, chemical, or biological characteristics of a site with the goal of repairing natural or historic functions of a degraded wetland. Activities to rehabilitate a wetland include breaching a dike to reconnect wetlands to a floodplain or return tidal influence to a wetland. Wetland rehabilitation results in a gain in wetland function but does not result in a gain in wetland acres. (Ord. 15051 § 121, 2004).

- **21A.06.1418 Wetland vegetation class.** Wetland vegetation class: a wetland community classified by its vegetation including aquatic bed, emergent, forested and shrub-scrub. To constitute a separate wetland vegetation class, the vegetation must be at least partially rooted within the wetland and must occupy the uppermost stratum of a contiguous area or comprise at least thirty percent areal coverage of the entire wetland. (Ord. 15051 § 122, 2004).
- **21A.06.1420 Wetpond.** Wetpond: an artificial water body constructed as a part of a surface water management system. (Ord. 10870 § 324, 1993).
- **21A.06.1422 Wildlife.** Wildlife: birds, fish and animals, that are not domesticated and are considered to be wild. (Ord. 15051 § 123, 2004).
- **21A.06.1423 Wildlife habitat conservation area.** Wildlife habitat conservation area: an area for a species whose habitat the King County Comprehensive Plan requires the county to protect that includes an active breeding site and the area surrounding the breeding site that is necessary to protect breeding activity. (Ord. 15051 § 124, 2004).
- **21A.06.1424 Wildlife habitat network.** Wildlife habitat network: the official wildlife habitat network defined and mapped in the King County Comprehensive Plan that links wildlife habitat with critical areas, critical area buffers, priority habitats, trails, parks, open space and other areas to provide for wildlife movement and alleviate habitat fragmentation. (Ord. 15051 § 125, 2004).
- **21A.06.1425 Wildlife shelter.** Wildlife shelter: a facility for the temporary housing of sick, wounded or displaced wildlife. (Ord. 10870 § 325, 1993).
- **21A.06.1427 Winery.** Winery: An establishment primarily engaged in one or more of the following:
  - A. Growing grapes or fruit and manufacturing wine, cider or brandies;
  - B. Manufacturing wine, cider, or brandies from grapes and other fruits grown elsewhere; and
  - C. Blending wines, cider or brandies. (Ord. 15974 § 5, 2007).
- **21A.06.1430** Work release facility. Work release facility: a facility which allows the opportunity for convicted persons to be employed outside of the facility, but requires confinement within the facility when not in the place of employment. (Ord. 10870 § 326, 1993).
- **21A.06.1432 Wrecked, dismantled or inoperative vehicle.** "Wrecked, dismantled or inoperative vehicle" means a motor vehicle or the remains or remnant parts of a motor vehicle, or an extensively damaged recreational vehicle or boat, that is clearly inoperative and either cannot be made operative without the addition of vital parts or mechanisms or is damaged to the extent that it prevents normal operation of the vehicle, or both. (Ord. 14309 § 14, 2002: Ord. 12024 § 11, 1995).
- **21A.06.1435** Yard or organic waste processing facility. Yard or organic waste processing facility: a site where yard and garden wastes, including wood and landclearing debris, are processed into new products such as soil amendments and wood chips. (Ord. 11157 § 10, 1993: Ord. 10870 § 327, 1993).
- **21A.06.1440 Zoo animal breeding facility.** Zoo animal breeding facility: a non-profit farm which is owned by an American Zoo and Aquarium Association (AZA) accredited zoo, is accredited by the AZA and is operated in conformance with all licensing requirements of the United States Department of Agriculture for the purposes of long-term species survival, propagation, conservation, research, and husbandry of native and exotic wildlife and for training zoo professionals, biologists, veterinarians and other zoo-related researchers. (Ord. 12709 § 3, 1997).